

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OF OAKHAM



1957

COVER SKETCH — MEMORIAL HALL

Memorial Hall was chosen as the subject for this year's cover sketch because it is the center of many of the activities of the town and also because of its historical interest.

The building was erected in 1874 by the Soldiers Union and the citizens of Oakham as a memorial to the soldiers who lost their lives in the Civil War. The initial cost of construction was less than \$5,000 and was shared equally by the Soldiers Union and the town.

The original building consisted of a selectmen's room and two school rooms on the first floor and a hall called Memorial Hall on the second floor. This was and still is used for town meetings, public events and entertainments of all kinds.

An addition to house another school room was built by the town in 1951.

We are again indebted to William A. Sampson of New Braintree Road for a very excellent sketch.

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TOWN OFFICIALS
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TOWN OF OAKHAM
Massachusetts



For the Fiscal Year Ending
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Annual Report

The Board of Selectmen takes pleasure in submitting to the citizens of Oakham the following reports of the various departments, committees and officers of the town together with a complete report of the finances of the town for the year ending December 31, 1957.

The Board take this opportunity to express its thanks to the members of all departments and committees and to all town officials and also to the various organizations in the town for their interest and cooperation during the year.

JOHN F. O'DONNELL

ROGER H. LONERGAN

WALTER W. NELSON

Board of Selectmen

Town Officers for 1957

Three Year Terms

Town Clerk

DOROTHY P. DAY Term expires 1958

Selectmen

JOHN P. O'DONNELL Term expires 1958
 ROGER H. LONERGAN, Chairman Term expires 1959
 WALTER W. NELSON Term expires 1960

Assessors

LUDWICK SZCZUKA Term expires 1958
 W. FRANCIS BRENNAN Term expires 1959
 CHESTER M. ROOD, Chairman Term expires 1960

Board of Public Welfare and Board of Health

JOHN P. O'DONNELL Term expires 1958
 ROGER H. LONERGAN, Chairman Board of Public Welfare Term expires 1959
 WALTER W. NELSON, Chairman, Board of Health Term expires 1960

School Committee

MARY H. PARSONS, Clerk Term expires 1958
 PHILIP E. DWELLY Term expires 1959
 WILLARD C. RUTHERFORD, Ch'man Term expires 1960

Library Trustees

MALCOLM A. FOSS Term expires 1958
 WINIFRED B. LANE, Chairman Term expires 1959
 RAYMOND H. FIELD Term expires 1960

Cemetery Committee

NELSON E. MAYO Term expires 1958
 FREDERICK G. STONE Term expires 1959
 ARTHUD WEBB, Chairman Term expires 1960

One Year Terms

Moderator

FREDERICK H. LANE

Tax Collector

WALTER G. CHAPMAN

Treasurer

WALTER G. CHAPMAN

Auditor

O. HAROLD ERICKSON

Tree Warden

RALPH T. YOUNG, JR.

Fence Viewers

DONALD C. AGAR

WALTER W. NELSON

VERNO S. TUCKER

Constables

O. HAROLD ERICKSON

EDWARD J. ZYSK

LEONARD A. HARDY

GEORGE H. PARKMAN

WALTER W. NELSON

WALTER E. COLE

Measurers of Wood and Bark

ALFRED B. MORSE

WALTER A. WOODIS

CHARLES R. DEAN

Measurers of Lumber

ALFRED B. MORSE

WALTER A. WOODIS

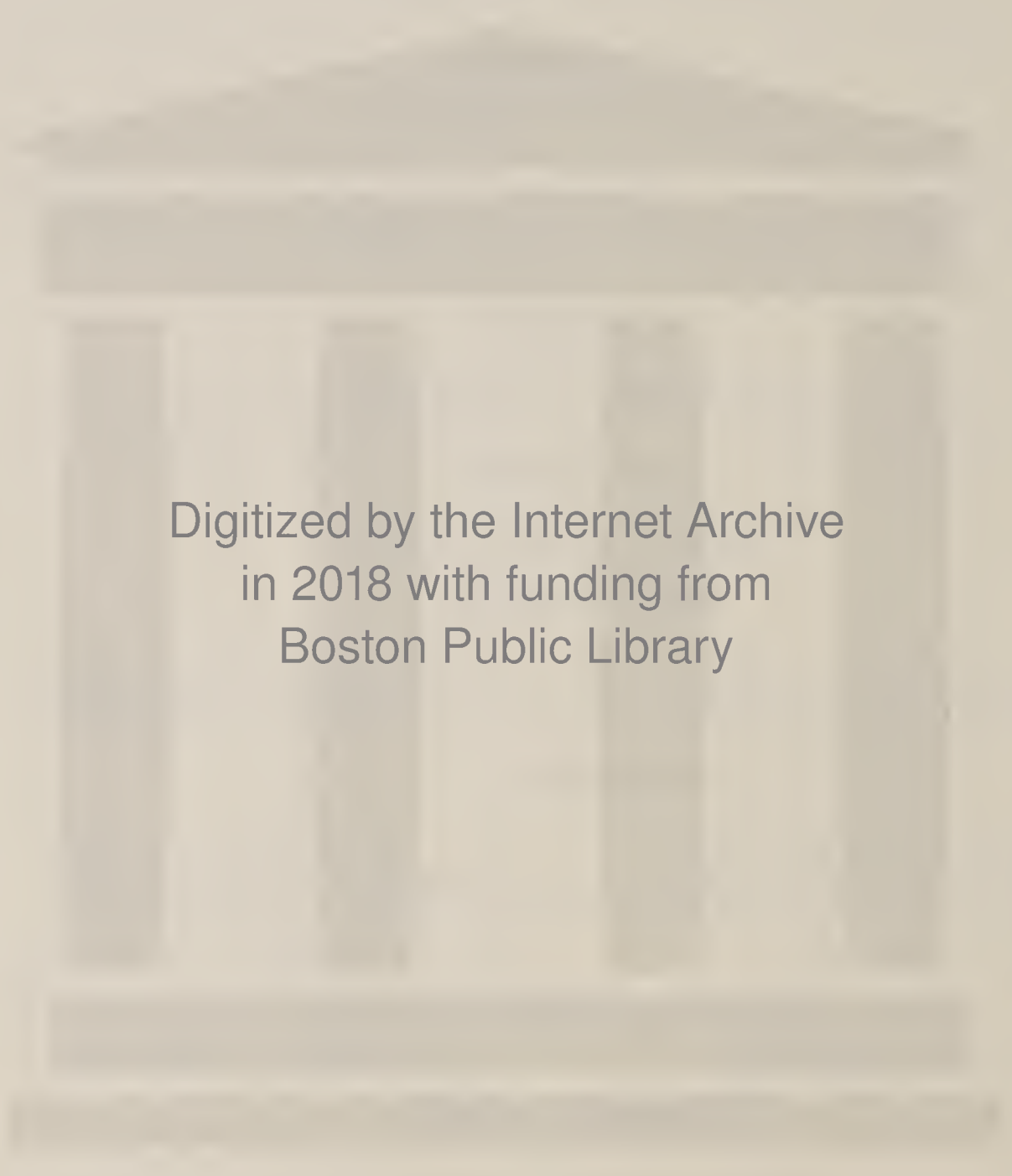
CHARLES R. DEAN

Field Drivers

JEROME D. MURPHY

FREDERICK G. STONE

EDWARD J. YOUNG



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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Reports of the

TOWN CLERK

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN TREASURER

TAX COLLECTOR

TOWN AUDITOR

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Vital Records of 1957

Births

March

- 3—Olen Charles Muir, son of William J. and Betty R. (Cole) Muir.

May

- 26—Robin Cheryl Dwelly, daughter of Wesley and Carol (Keddy) Dwelly.

July

- 4—Brooke Elizabeth Hayes, daughter of Harry J. and Lorraine E. (Bean) Hayes, Jr.
9—Raymond Alan Crawford, son of Henry R. and Cecile A. (Courteau) Crawford.

August

- 11—Marie Black, daughter of Harold E. and Carol (Davis) Black, Jr.

December

- 4—Barbara Ann Zelnia, daughter of Joseph P. and Anna (Savoie) Zelnia.
19—Gerald Lee Hatch, son of Rev. Dale J. and Retha J. (Waggoner) Hatch.

Marriages

February

- 16—Kenneth R. Sheeran, Worcester and Gail E. Wells, Oakham.

March

- 2—Roger E. Armstrong, Jefferson and Beverly A. Gallant, Oakham.

APRIL

- 27—Robert H. Eisenhart III, New York City and Junice A. Dean, Oakham.

June

- 8—Charles L. Atchue, North Grafton and Grace E. Wells, Oakham.

August

24—John Beaulier, Oakham and Helen G. Wells, Westboro.

September

7—Walter R. Derrick, North Brookfield and Patricia E. Foley, Oakham.

Deaths

July	Y	M	D
17—Patricia Ann Bullard	3	5	14
November			
3—Alice M. (Bullard) Reed	67	2	3
7—Charles H. Wilder	76	0	5

Non-Residents Buried in Town

February			
7—Brian Keith Wilbur, Millbury	0	0	2
March			
9—Alice A. (Sanderson) Ferrin, Cherry Valley	51	6	24
May			
29—Jennie E. Ross, Oakland, California	76	9	4

Dog Licenses

75 Males @ \$2.00	\$150.00
23 Females @ \$5.00	115.00
29 Spays @ \$2.00	58.00
127 dogs licensed	\$323.00
2 transfers issued	
Fees retained	
79 @ \$.20 before May 7	\$ 15.80
48 @ \$.25 after May 7	12.00
	\$ 27.80
Net Return	\$295.20

One more dog was licensed this year than last. In order that dogs be licensed at all times, owners are urged to renew licenses as soon as possible after March 20. Old licenses expire each year on March 31. Dogs must be licensed when they become three months old. On receipt of the fee and a stamped addressed envelope, the clerk will mail the new license and tag. Information for writ-

ing the license includes name of dog, breed, age, color, and name of owner or keeper. This data is not needed for renewals as the clerk has duplicates from the preceding year.

A person who becomes the owner of a dog already licensed for the year within the state should, within 30 days secure a transfer license. The charge is 25 cents.

The owner or keeper is responsible for seeing that his dog wears around its neck or body a collar or a harness to which should be attached the tag. The tag number is a help to a person seeking to identify a stray dog and return it to its owner. If a tag becomes lost or unusable, a duplicate may be obtained for 10 cents.

Sporting Licenses

28 Fishing @ \$3.25	\$ 91.00
24 Hunting @ \$3.25	78 00
39 Sporting @ \$5.25	204 75
8 Minor Fishing @ \$1.25	10 00
1 Non-Resident Fishing (3-day)	2 75
1 Duplicate @ \$.50	50
7 Sporting and Trapping — free to citizens over 70 years of age	00
1 Old Age Assistance Fishing — free	00
109 licenses issued	\$387 00
Fees retained, 25 cents each except duplicate and free	\$25 00
Net Return	\$362 00

13 fewer sporting licenses were issued than in 1956. Prices for licenses are the same as last year. Sportsmen should display the license in the plastic holder provided, on the outer clothing at all times while fishing, hunting, or trapping.

Except for a duplicate license, it is not necessary to apply in person for a license, provided the information needed for writing the license is sent. Licenses will be mailed upon request.

The town clerk will be glad to explain the special requirements for persons 15 to 18 years of age wishing a hunting license.

The pamphlet "Massachusetts Fish and Game Laws" is given to each person buying a license, and to any other person requesting it.

Recorded

21 personal property mortgages.

ACTION TAKEN AT TOWN MEETINGS DURING 1957

Annual Town Meeting

March 4, 1957

Votes on election of officers and routine articles have been omitted. See department reports for appropriations.
IT WAS VOTED

Article 1

That the annual reports of the several town officers be accepted as printed.

Article 9

That the sum of \$1,100 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance, and that, in addition, the sum of \$12,100 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the state's share of the cost of the work, reimbursements to be restored, upon their receipt, to surplus revenue.

Article 10

That the sum of \$1,600 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, these funds to be used in conjunction with state and county allotments.

Article 11

That the sum of \$3,000 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction, these funds to be used in conjunction with state and county allotments.

Article 12

That the sum of \$600 be raised and appropriated to make certain improvements to Stone Road.

Article 16

That the sum of \$500 be raised and appropriated to make repairs and improvements to Henry Wright Ball Park.

Article 17

That the sum of \$600 be raised and appropriated to paint the Town Clock and the clock deck.

Article 18

That the sum of \$1,000 be appropriated from the Overlay Surplus for the purposes of a Reserve Fund.

Article 19

That the sum of \$7,684.77 be appropriated from avail-

able funds in the treasury, if and when this amount is received from the State, and that these funds be used for the permanent repair of Barre Road from Maple street to Adams Road.

Article 20

That the sum of \$2,500 be transferred from the Highway Machinery Fund to the Highway Machinery Account.

Article 21

That the Board of Assessors be authorized and instructed to take the sum of \$8,000 from available funds for the purpose of reducing the tax levy for the current year.

Article 22

That the trust fund of \$300 received from William A. Fobes for the perpetual care of the Fobes Lot in Green Hollow Cemetery be accepted.

Article 23

That the town hear the report of the committee appointed to study the advisability of having zoning regulations for the Town of Oakham. Malcolm Foss presented the following report which he read.

"Committee Report on Zoning"

Members: W. Francis Brennan
Walter E. Cole
Malcolm Foss, Chairman

The Report

Planning is necessary in a community to protect the present and future land owners. A planned community invites better homes, and businesses because of the protection offered through basic regulations. Certain minimum requirements are as necessary for the protection of our homes and neighborhood as are automobile regulations necessary for our protection on the highways. Town planning and automobile regulations are similar also in that they do not affect anyone in the least until a person jeopardizes the well-being of others. A person wanting to erect a good home on a large enough lot is welcome everywhere. Only persons, or businesses wanting to build sub-standard, or objectionable buildings, or planning improper use of land, would be affected.

Mr. Hazeltine of the Massachusetts Department of Commerce was in Oakham to discuss the problems of our town. He said that a number of very desirable

small businesses are always looking for towns with no competitive labor market and with reasonable taxes. In such a town, housewives, as well as the men, form the basic work force when work is available without excessive transportation problems. Mr. Hazeltine said that these high paying industries refuse to consider communities without protective regulations.

Electronic equipment assembly is one example of the kind of business that consider the stable labor market and good clean working conditions reason enough to locate in an area without the usual business and transportation facilities. Even a business employing twenty or thirty people would help this town in a number of ways. Besides helping with the taxes, it would allow enough men to stay in town to cope with fires and other emergencies, and provide work without traveling long distances.

It would seem that these ideas should be kept in mind and be given careful consideration when the time comes to vote on such measures.

At this meeting the only step to be considered is the formation of a planning board to look into these matters with greater care."

The motion was made that the town vote to accept the report, and to instruct the selectmen to take the necessary action to have a planning board established in the town. An amendment was then offered that the planning board (study committee) be continued for another year, and its members increased from three to five, these five members to be elected from the floor. It was voted to accept the amendment. The motion as amended was accepted and the following persons were elected to serve on the committee:

Philip E. Dwelly
Doris J. Lonergan
LeRoy C. Spinney
Robert P. Wile
Richard G. Riley

Article 24

That the Town give the Board of Selectmen authority to appoint one of its members Chief of Police, and to set the rate of pay for said work.

Article 25

That the sum of \$50 be appropriated from the Cemetery Sale of Lots Account for use by the Cemetery Committee for providing new lots.

Total amount to be raised and appropriated—\$72,601.15, which is \$2,190.08 more than was voted at the annual meeting on March 5, 1956.

Seventy-seven voters attended the meeting.

Special Town Meeting

October 10, 1957

Article 1

That the sum of \$1,500 be transferred from the Highway Machinery Fund to the Highway Machinery Account.

Article 2

That the sum of \$300 be transferred from available funds in the treasury to the Fire Department Account.

Article 3

Mr. Riley read the following report of the Planning Board Study Committee:

"A Progress Report of the Planning Board Study Committee"

The Planning Board Study Committee, elected at the last Annual Town Meeting, organized as follows:

Philip E. Dwelly, Chairman
Mrs. Roger H. Lonergan, Clerk
Robert P. Wile
LeRoy C. Spinney
Richard G. Riley

Since that time, several meetings have been held to study the by-law changes made in the towns of Holden, Rutland, Princeton, Leicester and Paxton. After due consideration, the Committee decided to investigate the Planning Board organization in Princeton, since our study indicated that the by-law changes made in this town could be applied to almost any small town interested in a planning board. We attended a Princeton board meeting, and used this opportunity to clarify some parts of their by-laws which we did not understand. There are two points which this committee wishes to emphasize:

1. There are certain rules and regulations governing the type of dwelling, and certain restrictions placed on the use of land in a town which adopts a Planning Board set-up. However, any dwelling or land, which is in use before any plan is adopted which does not con-

form to these regulations, will not be affected by these rules.

2. If a Planning Board is to be considered, the following steps should be taken: (a) a special Town Meeting is held to vote on the question; (b) if it is voted to have a planning board, members are nominated at the annual caucus; (c) board members are elected at the annual town election; (d) this committee recommends that a discussion hearing be held before the special town meeting.

We are in favor of a planning board being established in the town of Oakham. We believe that the town by-laws should be amended to include the following:

1. The Town of Oakham should continue as a Residential-Agricultural District. The citizens should have the right, through their Planning Board and its Board of Appeals, to choose the type and location of any new industry or business that may come to Oakham at some future date.

2. We are in favor of one single-family dwelling per lot.

3. Advertising and display signs should be regulated as to size, type of illumination and location.

4. We favor a minimum lot size of 40,000 sq. ft. and a minimum frontage on a street of 175 feet.

5. Each new dwelling should be placed on a lot so as to provide adequate yard area, and not infringe on the privacy of a neighbor.

6. We believe that nothing in these proposed by-law changes shall prevent the continuation of a non-conforming use of a structure or a lot of land either by the present or a subsequent owner.

7. We believe that the use of new trailer homes and new cellar homes should be regulated.

In conclusion, the Planning Board Study Committee recommends that the Selectmen take the necessary steps to establish a Planning Board in the Town of Oakham, the members to be elected at the next annual town meeting."

It was voted that the report of the Planning Board Study Committee be accepted as a report of progress, and that the Selectmen be instructed to take any steps necessary to establish a Planning Board in the Town of Oakham to be elected at the next annual town meeting.

Article 4

That the gift of \$80.43 received from the Village Im-

provement Society be accepted and that a vote of thanks be extended to the members of the society.

Twenty-six voters were present.

**Special Town Meeting
December 27, 1957**

Article 1

That the sum of \$75 be transferred from the Public Assistance and Administration Account to the Police Account.

Article 2

That the sum of \$600 be transferred from the Public Assistance and Administration Account to the Snow Removal and Sanding Account.

Article 3

That the sum of \$150 be transferred from the Public Assistance and Administration Account to the Miscellaneous Account.

Thirteen voters were present.

**Special Town Meeting
December 31, 1957**

Article 1

That the sum of \$1,050 be transferred from the Public Assistance and Administration Account to the School Account.

Fourteen voters were present.

DOROTHY P. DAY, Clerk

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Appointments

Chief of Police	Walter W. Nelson
Fire Warden	Ralph L. Downer
Sealer of Weights and Measures	Frederick G. Stone
Moth Superintendent	Roscoe Crawford
Wire Inspector	Ralph L. Downer
Dog Officer	Waclaw Smichinski
Civilian Defense Director	W. Francis Brennan
Inspector of Animals	W. Francis Brennan
Inspector of Slaughtering	W. Francis Brennan
Veterans Agent	Anthony A. Lupa
Superintendent of Streets	Ralph T. Young, Jr.
Burial Agent	Arthur Webb
Janitor of Town Hall	
January to June 30	Mrs. Lillian Black
July 1 to December 31	William N. Wareing
Town Counsel	Ralph W. Igoe

Special Police Officers

Harold E. Black, Jr.	O. Harold Erickson
Frederick G. Stone	Leonard A. Hardy
Walter E. Cole	William A. Wareing

Jury List

*Arthur F. Bealand	Guard
*Channing M. Billings	Supervisor, Dept. Mental Health
*Verno S. Tucker	Foundry Foreman
W. Francis Brennan	Farmer
Doris Erickson	Factory Accountant
Ludwick Szczuka	Farmer
William Zukus	Farmer

*Served on jury during 1957.

The Board of Selectmen was organized with Roger H. Lonergan, Chairman and Clerk, Walter W. Nelson Chairman of the Board of Health and Roger H. Lonergan, Welfare Prudential Committee Member.

The regular duties of town government were carried on as usual throughout the year. The streets and highways of the town were maintained under the provisions of Chapter 81 and 90 of the General Laws. Work done under Chapter 81 consisted of general maintenance of all accepted ways in the town and was done by the town's highway department and financed by the town. Upon satisfactory completion of the work the state reimburses the town in the amount of \$275 for each mile of road maintained, leaving a net cost to the town of \$25 per mile.

Maintenance under Chapter 90 consisted of maintenance of road surface and drainage of ways constructed under the provisions of Chapter 90 Construction and is also financed by the town with the state and the county each reimbursing the town for one third of the cost of the work done.

New highway construction during the year included completion of sections of South and Spencer Road started in 1955 and 1956 and constructing the subgrade of about 800 feet of South Road under Chapter 90 Construction, and also the construction of a section of Barre Road under the provisions of Chapter 718.

The cost of work done under Chapter 90 Construction is financed by the town with the state reimbursing one half and the county one quarter of the cost while the state provided all of the funds for work done under Chapter 718.

Work was continued on Wright Memorial ball field. The subgrade of the field was final graded and the drainage improved so that it was possible to use the field for both little league and softball games.

After the end of the softball season sufficient loam was brought in to surface the field and was left until spring to be spread and seeded.

The funds used for this work consisted of \$1,000 appropriated by the town and \$80.43 received from the Village Improvement Society.



Fire Station During Construction.



Fire Station at End of Year.

The construction of a fire station as provided for by the vote of the town at a special town meeting in 1956 was started and carried on during the year and by the end of the year was complete except for wiring and by the end of the erection of the building was done by members of the fire department in order to reduce the cost of construction.

In addition to the annual town meeting the Board called special town meetings on October 10, December 27 and 31st and held a special hearing to discuss the merits of establishing a Planning Board on December 10th.

The Board approved a total of twenty four selectmen's warrants authorizing the payment of \$157,500.42. The following is a breakdown of these payments:

Ordinary Operating Expenses	\$138,876 00
Payments of Federal Withholding Taxes, Worcester County Retirement payments, dog tax deposits, tax refunds, etc.	6,424 42
Deposits of bequests, cemetery perpetual care funds, etc.	200 00
Repayment of temporary loans	12,000 00
Total	\$157,500 42

Distribution of Operating Expenses

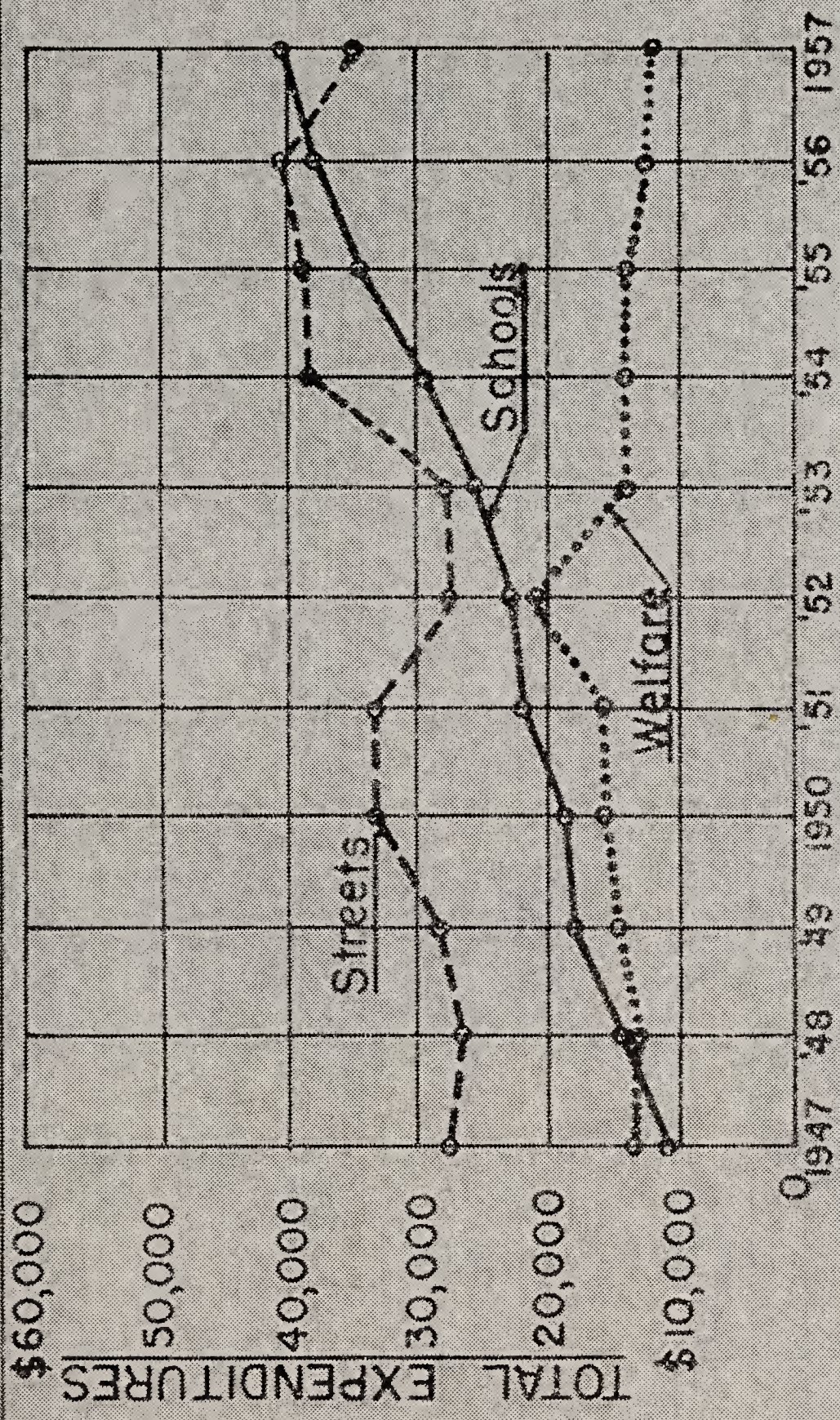
Classification	Total Expended	Percent Of Total
General Government	\$ 4,116 59	3.0
Protection to Persons & Property	3,073 62	2.2
Health and Sanitation	283 00	0.2
Streets and Highways	46,700 45	33.6
Welfare and Charities	12,459 41	9.0
Schools and Education	45,092 08	32.5
Cemeteries	1,517 35	1.1
State charges, assessments etc.	5,233 41	3.8
Debts and Interest	2,537 50	1.8
Unclassified	17,862 59*	12.8
Totals	\$ 138,876 00	100.0

*Includes Fire Station Construction

Charts showing a comparison of these expenses are shown on the following pages.

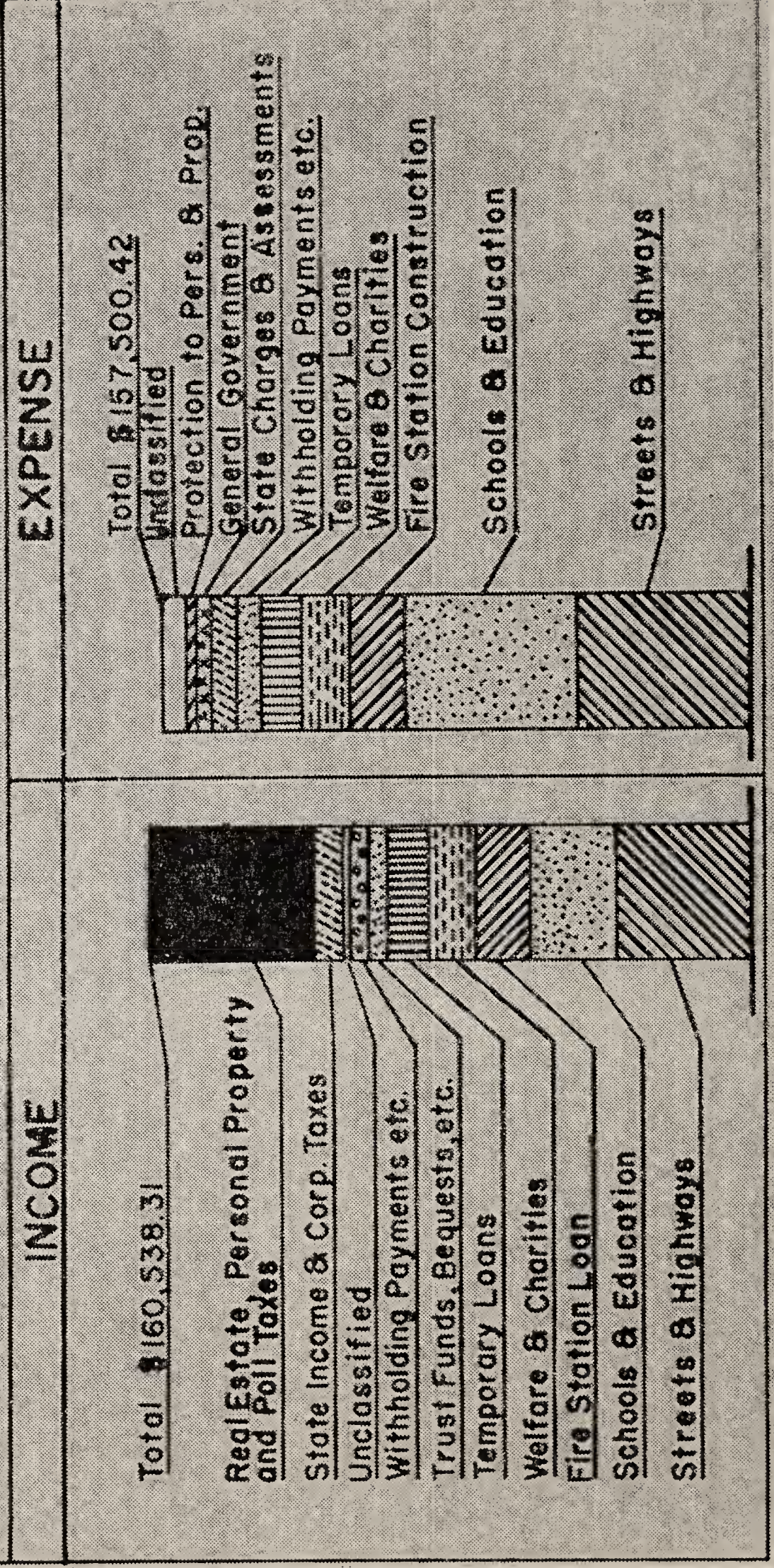
TOTAL EXPENDITURES - SCHOOLS, HIGHWAYS, WELFARE

1947-1957



FINANCIAL CHART - 1957

SOURCE AND DISTRIBUTION OF TOWN FUNDS



LICENSES, PERMITS AND RECEIPTS

The following is a summary of the licenses and permits issued and the payments received by the Board of Selectmen during the year :

Licenses and Permits Issued

Pistol Permits	8
Permit to Purchase Firearms	2
Common Victuallers License	1
License to sell ice cream, candy, tonic and fruit on Sunday	2

Payments Received

Received for	Amounts
Use of Memorial Hall	\$ 1.00
Pistol Permits	4 00
Permits to purchase firearms	1 00
Sale of surplus materials	37 50
Common Victuallers License	50
License to sell ice cream, candy, tonic and fruit on Sunday	1 00
Total received and turned over to treasurer	\$ 45 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. O'DONNELL

ROGER H. LONERGAN

WALTER W. NELSON

Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

Cash on hand January 1, 1957	\$ 51,231 14	
Received from all sources	160,538 31	
Paid on Selectmen's Warrants		157,500 42
Cash on hand December 31st, 1957		54,269 03
	\$ 211,769 45	\$ 211,769 45

Trust Funds

Balance on hand January 1st, 1957	\$ 43,004 69	
Mass. Inv. Tr. Stock Dividend	161 70	
State Auditors Price Adjustment	1,426 28	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	200 00	
Interest on P. W. Rehab. Fund	10 13	
Interest on Library Trust Funds	406 20	
Interest on Wright Park Trust Funds	5 70	
Interest on Cemetery Perpetual Care	211 19	
Withdrawal Cemetery Trust Funds		967 35
Withdrawal of Library Funds		541 81
Trans. W. H. Reh. fund to Fire Sta. Acct.		1,000 00
Balance on hand, December 31st, 1957		42,916 73
	\$ 45,425 89	\$ 45,425 89

Summary of Town Treasurer's Receipts

ALDEN FUND

Dividends and bank interest	\$ 858 30	
Dept. Pub. Health Subsidy (Lupa)	145 00	
		\$ 1,003 30

CEMETERIES

Annual Care	\$ 79 05	
Perpetual Care Funds	200 00	
Sale of Lots	30 00	
Withdrawn from Trust Funds	967 35	
		\$ 1,276 40

COUNTY TREASURER

Dog Tax Refund	\$ 229 68	
Refund for Dog Officer	13 00	
Aid to Highways	5,103 36	
Reimbursement Dutch Elm Disease	63 00	
		\$ 5,409 04

CENTRAL DISTRICT COURT

Fines remitted to Town	\$ 30 00	
		\$ 30 00

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fees and permits	\$ 6 25	
		\$ 6 25

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Machinery Rental Funds	\$ 3,033 80	
		\$ 3,033 80

LIBRARY

Fines	8 00	
Refund Nat. Geo. Mag.	7 00	
Withdrawn from Trust Funds	541 81	
		\$ 556 81

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS

Received from Lunches	\$ 2,095 98	
From Federal & State Grants	654 69	
		\$ 2,750 67

SELECTMEN

Board of Health permits	\$ 50	
Miscellaneous permits	11 00	
Rent of Town Hall	1 00	
Sale of Property (Hearse House)	35 50	
		\$ 48 00

TREASURER OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Federal Grants O.A.A. Aid	\$ 5,258 53	
Federal Grants A.D.C. Aid	185 48	
Federal Grants D.A.A. Aid	96 20	
State Aid O.A.A.	4,348 45	
State Aid A. D. C.	292 31	
State Aid D.A.A.	61 15	
State Aid Gen. Relief Acct.	66 00	
Aid to Highways	24,490 91	
Emergency Flood Relief	4,299 17	
O. A. Meal Tax	237 38	
Schools Chapter No. 70	5,484 73	
Corp. State Tax	2,694 40	
Income Tax State	905 69	
Live Stock Disease Control	17 50	
Lieu of Taxes	4,463 90	
Divisions of Standards	3 00	
School Transportation	13,471 20	
Vocational Education	373 45	
		\$ 66,749 45

TAX TITLE ACCOUNTS

Redemptions	\$ 164 11	
Interest collected	26 96	
		\$ 191 07

OAKHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Gift to Wright Park	\$ 80 43	
	<u> </u>	\$ 80 43

SCHOOLS

Refund	\$ 12 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 12 00

AGENCIES

Federal Withholding Taxes	\$ 2,995 21	
Worcester County Retirement System	576 41	
	<u> </u>	\$ 3,571 62

TOWN CLERK

Dog Licenses	\$ 295 20	
	<u> </u>	\$ 295 20

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Cities and Towns O.A.A.	\$ 891 92	
	<u> </u>	\$ 891 92

BANKS

Worcester County Trust Co.	\$ 14,000 00	
Worcester County Trust Co.	9,000 00	
Worcester County Trust Co.	3,200 00	
Savings Bank Interest	729 86	
	<u> </u>	\$ 26,929 86

REHABILITATION ACCOUNT

Withdrawn for Fire Sta. Acct.	\$ 1,000 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,000 00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Fees	\$ 8 25	
	<u> </u>	\$ 8 25

TAX COLLECTOR

Paid to Treasurer for 1957	\$ 46,694 24	
	<u> </u>	\$ 46,694 24
		<u> </u>
		\$ 160,538 31

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ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash		Agencies	
Banks and office	\$ 50,642 45	Excess Sale of Land	\$ 469 95
Alden Fund	3,626 58	Dog Tax - Town Clerk	3 50
Petty Cash Library	10 00	Loans & Discounts	12,200 00
	\$ 54,279 03	Gifts to Library	30 00
Accounts Receivable		Alden Fund Income	3,626 58
Tax Levy 1956		School Lunch Fund	898 21
Poll Tax	10 00	Sale of Cemetery Lots	37 50
Personal Prop. Tax	329 04	Federal Grants	
Real Estate Tax	516 60	Aid to Dep. Children	152 42
Tax Levy 1957		Old Age Assistance	1,618 28
Poll Tax	62 00	Disability Assistance	743 33
Personal Prop. Tax	221 78		\$ 2,514 03
Real Estate	4,571 67	Reserve for Appropriations	
	\$ 5,711 09	Machinery Fund	1,725 26
Motor Vehicle Excise			
Levy 1957	992 76	Reserved	\$ 1,725 26
Farm Animal Excise	82 95	Overlay Surplus	3,585 49
		Overlay Surplus 1956	855 64
Tax Title Possessions		Overlay Surplus 1957	699 28
Tax Titles	287 90	Tax Title Foreclosures	175 17
Tax Title Possessions	63 90	Library Petty Cash Acct.	10 00
			5,315 58
	351 80		

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Fire Station Loan		14,000 00
		\$ 26,000 00
TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS - 1957		
Cash and Securities Dec. 31st	\$ 42,916 73	Mary Lincoln Alden Fund
		LIBRARY
		Alfred P. Wright Fund
		Fobes Memorial Library Fund
		B. P. Clark Lib. Fund
		J.H.O. Lowell Library Fund
		Sam. R. Dean Library Fund
		Ethel Braman Library Fund
		Carl Wheeler Library Fund
		Harriet F. Gifford Library Fund
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds
		Post War Rehabilitation Fund
		Henry Wright Park Fund
	\$ 42,916 73	\$ 42,916 73

Respectfully submitted,
W. G. CHAPMAN, Treasurer

STATE AUDIT — TOWN OF OAKHAM

Balance Sheet — October 4, 1957

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:					
General		\$ 42,202 58		Temporary Loan in anticipation of	\$ 12,000 00
Advance for Petty:				Reimbursement	
Library	10 00			State and County Assessments - 1956:	
				State Parks and	
Accounts Receivable:		\$ 42,212 58		Reservations	\$ 69 70
Taxes:				County Tax	1,827 24
Levy of 1952:					\$ 1,896 94
Real Estate	6 80			Employee's Payroll Deductions:	
Levy of 1953:				Federal Taxes	\$ 221 50
Real Estate	3 50			County Retirement	38 40
Levy of 1955:					259 90
Poll	6 00			Overpayment to Collector,	
Personal Property	199 42			to be refunded:	
Real Estate	1,394 07			Pers. Property Taxes, 1954	27
Levy of 1956:				Agency:	
Poll	62 00			County - Dog Licenses	83 40
Personal Property	9,433 48			Excise - Sale of land	
Real Estate	12,399 89			of low value	469 95
					\$ 553 35
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		\$ 23,505 16		Gift for Library	30 00
Levy of 1955	14 15			Mary Lincoln Alden Fund Income	3,950 63
				Federal Grants:	

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Levy of 1956	809 98				
Tax Titles and Possessions:					
Tax Titles	\$ 1,063 11				
Tax Possessions	63 90				
Departmental:					
General Relief	1,514 62				
Aid to Dep. Children	34 30				
Old Age Assistance	297 68				
Cemetery	48 00				
Aid to Highways:					
State	\$ 20,708 13				
County	5,104 06				
Revenue 1957 — Appropriation voted in 1956		\$ 25,812 19			
Estimated Receipts - to be collected	1,100 00				
Overdrawn or Unprovided for Accounts:		19,039 44			
Cemeteries	349 67				
Flood Emergency - August 18-19, 1955	4,509 17				
		\$ 4,858 84			
Disability Assistance			599 43		
Aid to Dep. Children			87 94		
Old Age Assistance			1,637 06		
				\$	2,324 43
School Lunch Program					1,575 93
Appropriation Balances:					
Revenue					42,425 69
Overestimate - 1954:					
County Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment					150 46
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund					185 00
Receipts Reserved for Appropriations:					
Road Machinery Rentals					2,050 62
Reserve Fund - Overlay Surplus					1,571 64
Overlays — Reserved for Abatements:					
Levy of 1952	\$ 6 80				
Levy of 1955	310 44				
Levy of 1956	1,023 45				
				\$	1,340 69
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:					
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	\$ 824 13				
Tax Title and Possession					1,127 01
Departmental					1,894 60
Aid to Highway					15,300 00
				\$	19,145 74

B. P. Clark Fund	1,625	69	
J.H.O. Lovell Fund	382	81	
Samuel R. Dean Fund	1,666	98	
Ethel Braman Fund	123	43	
Carl Wheeler Fund	1,093	42	
Harriet F. Clifford Fund	5,333	33	
			\$ 14,545 67
Henry Wright Park Fund			350 90
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds			13,918 33
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund			1,338 19
			\$ 44,431 65

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

1955—Outstanding January 1st, 1957		\$	976	12		
State Auditor's adjustment				23		
Abatements			2	00		
Paid to Treasurer			974	35		
		\$	976	35	\$	976 35
1956—Outstanding January 1st, 1957		\$			\$	7,325 23
Tax Titles		\$	73	70		
Paid to Treasurer			6,395	89		
Outstanding December 31st, 1957			855	64		
		\$	7,325	23	\$	7,325 23
1957—Assessor's Warrants 1957						
Poll Tax		\$		320	00	
Personal Property Tax				10,475	40	
Real Estate				26,640	90	
Refunds after payment				76	70	
Tax Titles			85	80		
Abatements			1,213	47		
Paid to Treasurer			31,357	98		
Outstanding Dec. 31st, 1957			4,855	75		
		\$	37,513	00	\$	37,513 00
1957—Animal Excise Taxes						
Assessor's Warrants				234	08	
Paid to Treasurer		\$	151	13		
Outstanding 12-31-57			82	95		
		\$	234	08	\$	234 08

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excises

1956—Outstanding Jan. 1st, 1957		\$	1,653	76		
Assessors Warrants				677	46	
Refunds after payment				168	71	
Abatements		\$	84	17		
Paid to Treasurer			2,415	76		
		\$	2,499	93	\$	2,499 93
1957—Assessors' Warrants					\$	6,411 01
Refunds after payment				72	94	
Abatements		\$	275	25		
Paid to Treasurer			5,215	94		
Outstanding 12-31-57			992	76		
		\$	6,483	95	\$	6,483 95

Interest and Costs

Total Collected		\$	183	19
Paid to Treasurer	\$	183	19	

Summary

Total Tax Collected		\$	38,728	22
Total Motor Vehicle Excise Collected			7,631	70
Total Farm Excise Collected			151	13
Total Interest and Costs Collected			183	19
Total Paid to Treasurer	\$	46,694	24	
	\$	46,694	24	\$ 46,694 24

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. CHAPMAN, Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE TOWN AUDITOR

This is to certify that I have audited all bills submitted and approved by the Board of Selectmen to the Treasurer for payment. Accounts of the Fobes Memorial Library have been checked and approved. Permits and Licenses issued by the Fire Department have been checked and the books of the Treasurer have been checked and comparisons made with Bank Pass books and found correct.

Respectfully submitted,

C. HAROLD ERICKSON, Auditor

PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY

REPORTS OF THE

Chief of Police

Fire Department

Moth Superintendent

Wire Inspector

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Appropriated	\$	150 00
Transferred from Public Assistance		75 00
Total Available		225 00
Expended	\$	214 20

Cases Investigated

Breaking and Entering	2
Breaking and Entering to Commit	
Larceny	3
Drunkenness	2
Hit and Run Drivers	2
Motor Vehicle Law Violations	3
Automobile Accidents	5
Armed Robbery	1
Abuse of Minor	1
Breaking Glass	6
Malicious Mischief	3
Fish and Game Law Violations	2
Stolen Automobile	1
Transfer of Motor Vehicles Recorded	11
Summons Served	3
Convictions Obtained	8

During the year the chief and two officers attended police training school.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER W. NELSON,

Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$	1,800 00
Transferred from Pub. Assist. Acct.		300 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		96 47
Total Available	\$	2,196 47
Total Expended	\$	2,196 47

Fires Reported to During Year

- 5 Chimney fires
- 5 Brush or grass fires

- 4 Fires at town dump
- 1 Automobile fire

The estimated loss from fires during the year was \$200.00

Permits Issued

- 8 Oil burner installations
- 3 Oil storage permits
- 1 Blasting permit

A total of \$6.25 in permit fees was collected and turned over to the Treasurer.

The year of 1957 brought with it a very dry summer which gave the fire department a few anxious moments. With prompt answering to duty and with the aid of many hands the loss was confined to about 30 acres of brush land.

Persons lighting fires in the town dump have cost the town more money for fires than would be spent under planned burning by the department and also the inconvenience of having men patrol the area throughout the night. This could be avoided by people who use the dump throwing refuse over the banking instead of along the roadside.

A great deal of credit goes to the women connected with the Red Net Work system. Their promptness has alerted firefighters to duty in amazingly short time.

We regret and miss the leadership of our past Chief Leonard A. Hardy who resigned as Chief of the Fire Department last February due to personal business.

He is however in the department as Deputy Chief.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH L. DOWNER,

Chief of Fire Department

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Appropriation	\$	25 00
Expended		15 00

In the year 1957 I have inspected and passed the following:

Wiring in new buildings	3
Oil burner installations	6

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH L. DOWNER,

Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF THE MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Moth Suppression

Appropriation	\$	210 00
Expended		203 20

Dutch Elm Disease Control

Appropriation	\$	210 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		15 25

Total Available	\$	225 25
Total Expended	\$	225 25

A total of 39 elm trees infected with Dutch Elm Disease were cut down and destroyed by Town and Department of Conservation Crews. Also the Metropolitan District Commission cut down and destroyed 6 infected trees on its property in Oakham.

The following is a summary of the amount of Department of Conservation assistance furnished the town.

Labor	\$	252 25
Equipment		80 00
Transportation		42 90
Total	\$	375 15

As there were no indications of any appreciable infestation of gypsy moths again this year the elm trees along the town roads were sprayed again in an attempt to reduce the rate of spread of the Dutch Elm Disease. Funds appropriated for Moth Suppression were used to do this work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. ROSCOE CRAWFORD,

Moth Superintendent

Health and Sanitation

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriated	\$	350 00
Expended		223 00

The anti-polio program begun in 1956 was continued in 1957. Two school clinics were held, one on February 23, and one on May 4. Dr. Washburn, school physician, administered 1 first shot, 5 second shots and 135 third or booster shots to a total of 142 children. Also 17 children have had vaccine administered by private physicians.

All but a very few of our town children have been protected from paralytic polio by the injection of Salk vaccine. The Board of Health wishes to express its thanks to all who helped at these clinics in many capacities to make them the success we feel they were, and urge any whose children are not fully protected to have this done as soon as possible.

Cases Investigated

Dumping on Private Property	1
Non-Residents Using Town Dump	3
Outpatient Examinations - Worcester County Hospital	3
Contagious Diseases Reported	7

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER W. NELSON, Chairman

JOHN P. O'DONNELL

ROGER H. LONERGAN

Board of Health

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

	Total Expended	Total to be Reimbursed	Net Expense to Town
Chap. 81 Maint.	\$ 13,199 70	\$ 12,099 73	\$ 1,099 97
Chap. 90 Maint.	4,799 23	3,199 49	1,599 74
Chap. 90 Construction	11,999 96	8,999 97	2,999 99
Snow Removal and Sanding	4,517 48	None	4,517 48
Stone Road	651 60	None	651 60
Barre Road - Chap. 718	7,682 04	7,682 04*	None
Purchase and Maint.	3,454 44	3,454 44**	None
Totals	\$ 46,304 45	\$ 35,435 67	\$ 10,868 78

*\$7,684.77 received from the state before work was started.

**Received from Machinery Rentals.

The following is a summary of the work done on roads and streets in the Town of Oakham during the year:

Chapter 81 Maintenance

Due to the increasing cost of labor, equipment and materials it was necessary to limit the work done under Chapter 81 Maintenance largely to regular maintenance. This included cutting brush, scraping, patching, cleaning drains, re-oiling, etc.

Sections of Gaffney Road and Lupa Road were surface treated and some gravelling was done on Lupa Road and Gaffney Roads.

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Work done under Chapter 90 Maintenance consisted of surface treatment of sections of North Brookfield and Old Turnpike Roads, improvement of drainage on North Brookfield Road and setting bounds on South Road.

Chapter 90 Construction

Construction under Chapter 90 consisted of completing work remaining on sections of South and Spencer Road started in previous years and placing fill on a section of South Road.

Barre Road - Chapter 71

A section of Barre Road 1,600 feet in length was constructed with funds received from the state. This section

of road was constructed in accordance with the standards required for Chapter 90 Construction.

Stone Road

In order to aid in snow removal a section of Stone Road was raised approximately four feet. The work done consisted of placing about 700 cubic yards of fill, graveling and surface treating.

Equipment

The following are the major items of equipment owned by the town at the end of the year.

- 1—1953 Ford F-6 truck
- 1—1956 Ford F-6 truck,
- 1—Ferguson Tractor
- 1—Tractor Mower
- 1—Good Roads automatic sander
- 1—Wagner Loader
- 1—Sander
- 4—Snow Plows
- 1—Power Grindstone

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH T. YOUNG, JR.

Highway Superintendent

WELFARE and CHARITIES

REPORTS OF THE

Board of Public Welfare

Charlton Home Farm

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Account	Town Funds Expended	Total Expended
Old Age Assistance	\$ 6,046 45	\$ 11,320 48
Aid to Dependent Children	98 00	355 00
Disability Assistance	142 00	142 00
General Relief	320 77	320 77
Administration	300 00	300 00
Totals	\$ 6,907 22	\$ 12,438 25

The welfare program of the town was administered by the Quaboag Welfare District throughout the year. This is the second year of operation as a member of the District and the organization has operated very satisfactorily. Semi-monthly payrolls have been received on schedule and recipients have been given prompt and considerate attention.

The following is a summary of the average case load for the various categories together with the net cost to the town for each.

Category	Avg. No. of Cases	Net Cost to Town
Old Age Assistance	12	\$ 605 36
Disability Assistance	Less than one	45 80
Aid to Dependent Children	Less than one	5 25
General Relief	Less than one	254 77
Administration		288 30
Totals		\$ 1,199 48

In spite of the advances of our civilization and economy the need still exists for public assistance in some instances. The most frequent circumstances which bring about this need are old age; physical disability either from birth

or from sickness or accident; the loss of the principal source of support of a family; and natural disasters such as floods, fires or other unfavorable conditions.

The needs for public assistance in the town of Oakham have decreased somewhat in recent years and should continue to do so unless there is a radical change in our economy or in the makeup of our population.

A complete financial report prepared by the staff of the Quaboag Welfare District may be found in the financial section of this Report.

Quaboag Welfare District Organization

Prudential Committee	George H. Deotte, Agent
Silveau Ledoux, Chairman	Yvonne S. Barr,
Roger H. Lonergan, Clerk	Social Worker
Charles J. Woodis	Marjorie S. Flandreau,
Romeo J. Kardas	Senior Clerk
Administrative Staff	M. Alice Ledoux, Jr. Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

Oakham Board of Public Welfare
 ROGER H. LONERGAN, Chairman
 JOHN P. O'DONNELL
 WALTER W. NELSON

REPORT OF CHARLTON HOME FARM ASSOCIATION

for year ending December 31, 1957

Land and Buildings	\$ 15,000 00
Deposit in Savings Banks	15,319 59
Personal Property	4,245 00
Amount Receivable from Town	1,551 70
Cash in Warden's Account	660 00
Balance in Checking Account	1,052 47
	\$ 37,828 76

Receipts

Cash on hand, January 1, 1957	\$ 3,035 39
Rent of Farm land	300 00
Central Engineering Co. for gravel	2,293 12
Received from Towns and Boarders	19,004 83
	\$ 24,633 44

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Expenditures

Bills Paid, January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957	\$ 21,580 97	
Deposited in Worcester County Institution for Savings	2,000 00	
Bank Balance, Dec. 31, 1957	1,052 47	
		\$ 24,633 44
Number of Boarders		25

DONALD R. PERKINS,
President

LESTER P. GATES,
Secretary and Treasurer

MYRTIS F. HUTCHINSON,
Auditor

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

REPORTS OF THE

School Committee

Superintendent of Schools

Trustees of the Fobes Memorial Library

Librarian

REPORT OF THE OAKHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

for the year ending December 31, 1957

Appropriated	\$ 40,029 16
Expenditures	40,028 83
Balance	\$ 33

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Willard C. Rutherford	Term expires 1960
Mrs. Mary H. Parsons, Secretary	Term expires 1958
Philip Dwelly	Term expires 1959

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

William H. Buker	Holden, Mass.
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Lois P. Drawbridge	Holden, Mass.
Mrs. Addie P. Wentworth	Holden, Mass.

TEACHERS

Mrs. Esther G. Hawkes	Grades VI, VII, VIII
Mrs. Marjorie C. Hamilton	Grades IV, V
Miss Helena K. Rutherford	Grades I, II, III

SUPERVISORS

Miss Ruth S. Innes	MUSIC
Richard H. Bowden	MUSIC
George N. Morris	ART
Rinehart Handwriting System	PENMANSHIP

SCHOOL HEALTH

Channing H. Washburn, M.D.	Paxton, Mass.
Mrs. Helen P. Olmstead, M.P.H.	Worcester, Mass.
Mrs. Brenda T. Sullivan, R.N.	Holden, Mass.

BUS OWNERS

Leonard A. Hardy	John O'Donnell
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ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Donald Agar

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Winter Term	January 2 through February 21, 1958
Spring Term	March 3 through April 18, 1958
Summer Term	April 28, through June 13, 1958
Fall Term	September 3, through December 19, 1958

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

April 4, 1958	Good Friday
May 30, 1958	Memorial Day

October 13, 1958	Columbus Day
November 7, 1958	Teachers' Convention
November 11, 1958	Veterans' Day
November 26, 27, 28, 1958	Thanksgiving Recess

Enrollment, December 31, 1957

Center School	
Grades I and II and III	30
Grades IV and V	26
Grades VII and VIII	34
Wachusett Regional High School	21
North Brookfield High School	7
Girl's Trade High	1
TOTAL	119

SCHOOL CENSUS — October 1, 1957

	Boys	Girls	Totals
5 to 7 years of age	16	11	27
7 to 16 years of age	52	37	89
Total	68	48	116

ELEMENTARY GRADUATES - 1957

Susan Ann Barr	Brian Lee Hardy
Sarah Eunice Brennan	Carolyn Ann Kemp
John Alfred Dod	James Henry Lonergan
Robert Carlton Dwelly, III	John Clayton March
Jackie Elizabeth Narrow	

TUITION STUDENTS

Wachusett Regional High School

Grade IX

John Dod	Carolyn Kemp
Robert Dwelly	James Lonergan
Brian Hardy	John March

Grade X

Ronald Chestna	Susan Parsons
Gladys Crawford	Mary Troy
John Lonergan	Neal Wareing
Beverly Stone	Betty Wilder
Robert Stone	Dorothy Zysk

Grade XI

Jordan Dean	Donald Hardy
Albert Fontaine	

Grade XII

Joan Butler

Leslie LaCount

Leslie Downer

NORTH BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Susan Barr	Grade IX
Sarah Brennan	Grade IX
Jacqueline Narrow	Grade IX
Lowell Arms	Grade XI
Timothy Narrow	Grade XI
Judith Foley	Grade XII
Joan Nahkala	Grade XII

GIRLS TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

Effie M. Crawford

Respectfully submitted,

Willard C. Rutherford, Chairman

Mary H. Parsons, Secretary

Philip Dwelly

Oakham School Committee

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Oakham:

This is the fifty-eighth annual report of the present series and my tenth.

There were no changes in the classroom teaching staff. Oakham is fortunate to have such a fine group of teachers.

Winthrop Boyd who had been custodian for many years resigned in June. His influence with the children was outstanding. He was Grandpa to all of them. We all wish him many happy years of well earned retirement. Mr. William Wareing was elected to take Mr. Boyd's place.

Several repairs were made on the heating system. The School Committee takes care of this expense and heats the entire building. The Selectmen meet the expense of lights, telephone and repairs to the town hall.

The school lunch program has been managed very successfully by Mrs. Shirley Wareing. A fifteen foot refrigerator has recently been ordered for her use.

The Graduates from the school are measuring up scholastically in the high schools they attend.

Oakham School Committee has carefully weighed many matters of importance during the year. We have an ideal school committee, which is always thinking of the welfare of the children.

The California Mental and Achievement Tests were given. The results were above the average for these tests. It is encouraging for pupils, parents and teachers to know that their school is maintaining a high standard.

Each year the pupils sell Christmas cards and seeds so that they can purchase films, Christmas seals and have a school membership in the Junior Red Cross.

There are twenty-one students attending Wachusett Regional High School, seven at North Brookfield High School and one at Girls' Trade High School in Worcester. The tuition rates in these schools has been raised, North Brookfield is now \$290.00 per year and the other two schools \$450.00 per year.

According to the present law, Oakham can receive from the State under Chapter 70 only \$5,484.73 regardless of the increased cost of education. This should be remedied by the legislature.

MUSIC — Miss Ruth S. Innes,
Supervisor of music reports:

The music program of the school encompasses the following activities: playing instruments, listening, singing, music reading, rhythms and dancing, and creative activities.

The program is carried out by the classroom teachers, who are assisted and visited weekly.

Mr. Richard H. Bowden provides weekly instruction to string, woodwind and brass classes in grade 4 - 8. Approximately fourteen students are in the program — more pupils will be accepted in the near future.

ART — Mr. George N. Morris,
Supervisor of Art reports:

During the past year and a half an attempt has been made to lay a foundation for an approach to the teaching of art which coincides with the best art education today. In order to help the teachers in this respect a handbook has been written and provided for each teacher, which analyzes the general aims of art education and describes some of the possible art techniques. An art materials workshop course has been offered. An effort is being made to increase parent understanding of public school art by offering to con-

duct art programs for the Parent-Teacher Associations. An exhibit in the schools is being planned for the coming year. Progress in art has been more than satisfactory from a supervisor's standpoint.

HEALTH — Mrs. Helen P. Olmstead reports:

The following health services were carried on in the Oakham School this past year :

Physical Examinations — There were twenty-four children in grades one, four and seven examined. Of this number seven did not pass. Four are known to be under treatment.

Vision Tests — The number of children who passed was seventy-three. The number who did not pass was ten and they have received treatment.

Hearing Tests — All the children who were tested passed.

Clinics — Three immunization clinics for diphtheria and tetanus were conducted. A pre-school clinic was held for the purpose of registering children for the fall term, and for a conference with health personnel regarding the status of each child.

Dental Health Program — This program was instituted in the first three grades through the cooperation of the State Department of Public Health. Its purpose was to find and promote the correction of dental defects and to educate the children to practice correct dental hygiene procedures. The total number of defects found was sixteen, and the number of known correction was thirteen.

Other areas of activity included the administration of first aid, inspection of children, follow up visits, attending conferences, submitting reports and keeping the health records.

Space in the cafeteria has been allocated so that the Health Program can be carried on much more efficiently.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. BUKER

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
OF THE FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$ 800 00
Received from refund on Dog Taxes	229 68
Transferred from Income of Trust Funds	548 81
Total Available	\$ 1,578 49
Total Expended	\$ 1,578 49

During the past year combination storm-and-screen windows have been installed on the windows in the book-rack section, and metal weather-stripping put around all other windows and doors.

The trustees are making a thorough study of the library building with special reference to the roof and chimney. The building is showing the wear of years and, before redecorating the inside, it is planned to remedy the various causes of dampness.

We note with pleasure the continued growth in service under Mrs. Mayo's leadership. The summer story-hour groups added to the effectiveness of our library. We wish to thank the town for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

WINIFRED B. LANE, Chairman

RAYMOND H. FIELD

MALCOLM A. FOSS, Clerk

To the Trustees of Fobes Memorial Library:

The library has 250 cards on file and most of these are active.

There was a total circulation of 4531 during 1957, with adult circulation of 1183. In the third grade through high school group, the circulation was 2443, with one third of this total being non-fiction. Pre-school and first and second grades showed a total of 905. These figures include renewals, and also, books loaned to the library which had a circulation of 85.

Magazine circulation for the year added up to 647 readers in addition to those who read the publications in the reading room. Mr. A. L. Gifford sent his annual gift subscription to Reader's Digest.

Accession records show a total of 122 adult books with

86 purchases and 36 gifts. Juvenile books accessioned were 76 purchases and 54 gifts, a total of 130. The gifts from townspeople are gratefully acknowledged.

In addition to popular fiction, biography, history and special subjects, the library purchased the 1957 edition of Encyclopedia Britannica Junior. Other outstanding books were, Life's World's Great Religions, American Heritage's Great Historic Places, Eliot's Three Hundred Years of American Painting, Steichen's Family of Man and three volumes of Churchill's History of the English-Speaking Peoples.

Mrs. Philip Dwelley and Miss Joan Butler read to the children who attended the story hour held for six consecutive weeks during the summer. A total of 28 attended, the majority being pre-school and first grade children. At the final meeting ice cream and cookies were served.

Students were encouraged to qualify for reading certificates by lists suggesting books on our shelves and a group of borrowed books.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR T. MAYO, Librarian

CEMETERIES

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Appropriation		\$	500 00
Transfer from Sale of Lots Account			50 00
From Interest of Trust Funds			967 35
Labor			
Leonard A. Hardy	\$	950 47	
Leonard W. Hardy, Sr.		34 80	
Ralph Downer		20 30	
Paul Downer		24 05	
William Wareing		102 23	
David Kessler		11 60	
Materials and Supplies			
R. T. Quigley	\$	28 45	
David Labonte		5 79	
Furnace Grain Co.		28 40	
Jamara Bros., Inc.		75 50	
Wirthmore Stores		102 82	
A. Girard & Sons		42 90	
St. Pierre Chain Co.		34 01	
Office Expenses and Supplies			
A. Webb		16 03	
Outside Equipment Hire			
J. Narrow		1 00	
William Wareing		39 00	
	\$	1,517 35	\$ 1,517 35

Annual and Perpetual Care

Balance Sale of Lots, Accts. 1-1-57		\$	57 50
Sale of Lots for 1957			30 00
Annual Care of Lots for 1957			79 05
Perpetual Care Fund Established			200 00
Transfer to Approp. Acct.	50 00		
Paid Town Treas. Esti.-Rec. Acct.	79 05		
Barre Sav. Bank No. 17992	200 00		
Balance Sale of Lots Acct. 12-31-57	37 50		
	\$	366 55	\$ 366 55

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR WEBB, Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICIALS

OF THE

TOWN OF OAKHAM

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1957

ANNUAL REPORT

Expenditures

Table of Accounts

General Government

Account	Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance
Town Officers'			
Salaries	\$ 2,035 00	\$ 2,035 00	\$ 0 00
Town Officers'			
Supplies	481 05	481 05	0 00
Bonding Town Officers	100 00	92 75	7 25
Elections & Registrations	200 00	121 50	78 50
Printing	666 71	666 71	0 00
Memorial Hall Maintenance	719 58	719 58	0 00
Totals	\$ 4,202 34	\$ 4,116 59	\$ 85 75

Protection to Persons and Property

Police	\$ 214 20	\$ 214 20	\$ 0 00
Fire Department	2,196 47	2,196 47	0 00
Sealer of			
Weights and Measures	20 00	20 00	0 00
Moth Suppression	210 00	203 20	6 80
Dutch Elm Disease Control	225 25	225 25	0 00
Tree Warden	50 00	49 50	50
Inspection of Wires	25 00	15 00	10 00
Dog Officer	75 00	75 00	0 00
Civilian Defense	240 68	75 00	165 68
Totals	\$ 3,256 60	\$ 3,073 62	\$ 182 68

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health	\$ 350 00	\$ 223 00	\$ 127 00
Inspection of Animals	35 00	35 00	0 00
Inspection of Slaughtering	25 00	25 00	0 00
Totals	\$ 410 00	\$ 283 00	\$ 127 00

Streets and Highways

Chap. 81 Maintenance	\$ 13,200 00	\$ 13,199 70	\$ 30
Chap. 90 Maintenance	4,800 00	4,799 23	77
Chap. 90 Construction	12,000 00	11,999 96	04
Snow Removal			
& Sanding	4,600 00	4,517 48	82 52
Purchase & Maintenance	4,000 00	3,454 44	*545 56
Stone Road	651 60	651 60	0 00

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Barre Road - Chap. 718	7,684 77	7,682 04	2 73
Street Lights	396 00	396 00	0 00

Totals \$ 47,332 37 \$ 46,700 45 \$ 631 92

*Returned to Machinery Fund

Welfare and Charities

Public Assistance and Administration	\$ 12,477 19	\$ 12,459 41	\$ 17 78
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Schools and Education

Schools	\$ 40,029 16	\$ 40,028 83	\$ 0 33
School Lunch	3,377 34	3,377 34	—
Library	1,578 49	1,578 49	—
4-H Clubs	100 00	95 42	4 58

Totals \$ 45,084 99 \$ 45,080 08 \$ 4 91

Cemeteries

Cemeteries, General*	\$ 1,161 01	\$ 1,161 01	\$ 0 00
Center Cemetery	356 34	356 34	0 00

Totals \$ 1,517 35 \$ 1,517 35 \$ 0 00

*Includes \$50.00 appropriated and expended for new lots.

Retirement and Social Security

Employees' Compensation Insurance	\$ 711 06	\$ 711 06	\$ 0 00
Worcester County Retirement Assessment	526 99	526 99	0 00
Worcester County Retirement Payments	576 41	576 41	0 00
Federal Withholding Payments	2,995 01	2,995 01	0 00

Totals \$ 4,809 47 \$ 4,809 47 \$ 0 00

Unclassified

Miscellaneous	\$ 425 00	\$ 340 41	\$ 84 59
Memorial Day Observances	100 00	86 08	13 92
Fire Insurance	349 63	349 63	0 00
Care of Town Common	60 00	60 00	0 00
Veterans' Benefits	200 00	18 55	181 45
Fire Siren	600 00	600 00	0 00
Fire Station	15,000 00	14,732 07	267 93
Wright Ball Park	1,080 43	1,077 52	2 91
Painting Town Clock	600 00	598 33	1 67

Totals \$ 18,415 06 \$ 17,862 59 \$ 552 47

Maturing Debts and Interest

Maturing Debts (Schools)	\$ 2,000 00	\$ 2,000 00	\$ 0 00
Interest on Maturing Debts			
School Remodeling	537 50	310 00	
Fire Station		227 50	0 00
Totals	\$ 2,537 50	\$ 2,537 50	\$ 0 00

State and County Assessments

Worcester County Tax	\$ 2,303 05	\$ 2,303 05	\$ 0 00
Worcester County Tubercular Hospital	2,175 60	2,175 60	0 00
State Parks and Reservations	162 22	162 22	0 00
State Audit	592 54	592 54	0 00
Totals	\$ 5,233 41	\$ 5,233 41	\$ 0 00

Tax Refunds and Payments

Excise Taxes	\$ 241 65	\$ 241 65	\$ 0 00
Real Estate	68 90	68 90	0 00
Personal Property	7 80	7 80	0 00
Dog Tax Receipts Paid to County	293 50	293 50	0 00
Totals	\$ 611 85	\$ 611 85	\$ 0 00

Trust Funds

Alden Fund	\$ 1,003 10	\$ 1,003 10	\$ 0 00
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Temporary Loans

Highway Maintenance and Construction Loan	\$ 12,000 00	\$ 12,000 00	\$ 0 00
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Bequests

Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests	\$ 200 00	\$ 200 00	\$ 0 00
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Totals	\$ 159,091 23	\$ 157,488 42	\$ 1,602 81
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**ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURES
GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Town Officers' Salaries

Appropriation	\$ 2,035 00
Paid to	Amount
Town Clerk	
Dorothy P. Day	150 00

Selectmen*

Roger H. Lonergan, Chairman and Clerk	\$	150 00
John P. O'Donnell		100 00
Walter W. Nelson		100 00

Assessors

Chester M. Rood, Chairman	\$	125 00
Ludwick Szczuka		100 00
W. Francis Brennan		100 00
Dorothy P. Day, Clerk		75 00

School Committee

Willard C. Rutherford, Chairman		50 00
Mary H. Parsons, Clerk		50 00
Philip E. Dwelly		25 00

Moderator

Frederick H. Lane		20 00
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Tax Collector

Walter W. Chapman		400 00
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Treasurer

Walter W. Chapman		400 00
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Auditor

O. Harold Erickson	\$	100 00
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Library Trustees

Winifred B. Lane, Chairman	\$	15 00
Malcolm A. Foss		10 00
Raymond H. Field		10 00
Eleanor T. Mayo, Clerk		10 00

Cemetery Committee

Arthur Webb, Chairman	\$	25 00
Nelson E. Mayo		10 00
Frederick G. Stone		10 00

Total Expended	\$	2,035 00
Unexpended Balance		0 00

*Also Board of Health and Board of Public Welfare.

Town Officers' Supplies

Appropriation	\$	400 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		81 05

Total Available	\$	481 05
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Expended for

Supplies:

No. Brookfield News	\$	3 55
Office Equipment Co.		3 75
Stoneham Independent Inc.		2 00

Hobbs and Warren	51 42		
Davol Printing House	4 23		
W. Costello	7 00		
Palley Office Supply	23 47		
Mimeograph Distributors	1 83		
		\$	97 25
Stamps and Stationary:			
Orton O. Butler	\$ 106 00		
Dorothy P. Day	16 70		
Palley Office Supply	2 91		
Hobbs and Warren	4 40		
Barre Publishing Co.	17 37		
The Crombie Press	58 77		
The Oakham Star	10 00		
		\$	216 15
Miscellaneous			
Worcester County Abstract Co.	\$ 50 20		
Worcester County Trust Co.	55 00		
Security System	61 90		
Commissioner of Public Safety	0 55		
		\$	167 65
Total Expended		\$	481 05
Unexpended Balance		\$	0 00

Bonding Town Officers

Appropriation		\$	100 00
Expended for			
Bonding Treasurer and Tax Collector			
Robert Dea	\$ 72 75		
Bonding Town Clerk			
Healy Brothers	5 00		
Bonding Assistant Treasurer			
Robert Dea	10 00		
Bonding Deputy Tax Collector			
Robert Dea	5 00		
Total Expended		\$	92 75
Unexpended Balance		\$	7 25

Elections and Registrations

Appropriation		\$	200 00
Expended for			
Ballot Clerks:			
Stephanie Nelson	\$ 10 00		
Annie Robinson	10 00		
Mary E. Spinney	10 00		
William Zukus	10 00		

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Registering Voters		
Dorothy P. Day	15	50
Taking State Census		
Vera Dean	55	00
Police Duty		
Leonard A. Hardy	11	00
Total Expended	\$	121 50
Unexpended Balance	\$	78 50

Printing

Appropriation	\$	600 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		66 71
Total Available	\$	666 71
Expended for:		
Annual Report		
Barre Publishing Co.	\$	438 80
Assessors Report		
Barre Publishing Co.	157	20
Discussion Meeting and Planning		
Board Hearing notices		
Rutland Training Center	13	50
Forms, etc.,		
Barre Publishing Co.	57	21
Total Expended	\$	666 71
Unexpended Balance	\$	0 00

Memorial Hall Maintenance

Appropriation	\$	650 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		69 58
Total Availabe	\$	719 58
Expended for:		
Electric lights and power		
Worc. County Electric Co.	\$	441 76
Janitor Service		
Mrs. Lillian Black	60	00
William N. Wareing	132	50
Installing Outside Lights		
Leroy Spinney	39	40
Supplies		
R. T. Quigley	35	45
Butler's Store	1	72

Barre Publishing Co.	3 75	
Tuning piano		
C. A. Hanson	5 00	
Total Expended		\$ 719 58
Unexpended Balance		\$ 0 00

PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police

Appropriation		\$ 150 00
Trans. from Public Assistance		75 00
Total Available		\$ 225 00
Expended for:		
Police duty		
Walter W. Nelson	\$ 66 50	
Frederick G. Stone	22 00	
Walter E. Cole	26 00	
Harold E. Black, Jr.	5 00	
	\$ 119 50	
Insurance		
Frank A. Smith & Son	\$ 39 20	
Supplies		
H. E. Glidden Co. (Light)	\$ 50 50	
Commissioner of Public Safety	5 00	
Total Expended		\$ 214 20
Unexpended Balance		\$ 10 80

Fire Department

Appropriation		\$ 1,800 00
Transferred from Available Funds		300 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		96 47
Total Available		\$ 2,196 47
Expended for:		
Labor fighting fires, etc.	\$ 431 55	
Telephone		
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	274 72	
Gasoline, fuel oil etc.		
E. P. Wine	365 04	
David Labonte	19 38	
Equipment and supplies		
David Deane	381 17	

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R. T. Quigley	3 92	
Bowker Hamblin	87 00	
Stevens Fire Equipment Co.	72 00	
Ralph Downer	1 30	
Repairs to equipment etc.		
Gordon C. Young	\$ 14 50	
J. C. Lane & Sons	44 19	
Elwin Whitman	41 15	
Electric power		
Worcester County Electric Co.	17 90	
Insurance		
Frank A. Smith & Son	388 77	
Miscellaneous		
Neway Express, Inc.	2 78	
Town of North Brookfield	35 00	
Town of New Braintree	12 40	
Leonard A. Hardy	3 70	
Total Expended		\$ 2,196 47
Unexpended Balance		\$ 0 00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation		\$ 20 00
Expended for:		
Inspected scales and pumps		
Frederick G. Stone	\$ 20 00	
Total Expended		\$ 20 00
Unexpended Balance		\$ 0 00

Dog Officer

Appropriation		\$ 75 00
Expended for:		
Disposing of stray dogs		
Waclaw Smichinski	\$ 23 00	
Dog officer's wages and expenses		
Waclaw Smichinski	44 70	
Advertising		
Worcester Telegram	2 30	
Miscellaneous		
Dr. Louis B. Grace	5 00	
Total Expended		\$ 75 00
Unexpended Balance		\$ 0 00

Moth Suppression

Appropriation		\$	210 00
Expended for:			
Labor			
Roscoe Crawford	\$	15 40	
Percy Wilbur		5 60	
Edward H. Kennan		5 60	
Wesley Dwelly		5 60	
Spraying trees			
Brewer Tree Experts		171 00	
Total Expended		\$	203 20

Unexpended Balance	\$	6 80
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Dutch Elm Disease Control

Appropriation	\$	210 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		15 25
Total Available	\$	225 25

Expended for			
Labor			
Roscoe Crawford	\$	107 65	
Percy Wilbur		57 40	
Edward H. Kennan		33 60	
Wesley Dwelly		26 60	

Total Expended	\$	225 25
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Unexpended Balance	\$	0 00
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Tree Warden

Appropriation	\$	50 00
Expended for:		
Labor removing trees		
Percy Wilbur	\$	25 50
Edward H. Kennan		24 00

Total Expended	\$	49 50
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Unexpended Balance	\$	0 50
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Inspection of Wires

Appropriation	\$	25 00
Expended for:		
Inspection of installations		
Ralph Downer	\$	15 00
Total Expended		15 00

Unexpended Balance	\$	10 00
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Civilian Defense

Appropriation	\$	50 00
Carried over from 1956		190 68
Total Available	\$	240 68
Expended for:		
Part payment for siren		
David Deane	\$	75 00
Total Expended	\$	75 00
Unexpended Balance — Carried over to 1958	\$	165 68

HEALTH and SANITATION**Board of Health**

Appropriation	\$	350 00
Expended for:		
Hospital Care		
Worc. County Sanatorium	\$	135 00
Polio Inoculation		
Channing W. Washburn, M.D.		20 00
Cleaning Town Dump		
Edgar W. Sykes		68 00
Total Expended	\$	223 00
Unexpended Balance	\$	127 00

Inspection of Animals

Appropriation	\$	35 00
Expended for:		
Wages and expenses		
W. Francis Brennan	\$	35 00
Total Expended	\$	35 00
Unexpended Balance	\$	0 00

Inspection of Slaughtering

Appropriation	\$	25 00
Expended for:		
Wages and expenses		
W. Francis Brennan	\$	25 00
Total Expended	\$	25 00
Unexpended Balance	\$	0 00

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS

Chapter 81 Maintenance

Available		\$ 13,200 00
Wages	\$ 3,495 65	
Town Equipment	946 00	
Hired Equipment		
C. B. Cleaners	\$ 320 00	
DeMarco, Michael	240 50	
East Brookfield, Town of	17 00	
Hardwick, Town of	48 00	
Jamara Bros	621 50	
Kazemekas, Benny	48 00	
Sykes, Edgar W.	10 00	
Walker, Norman	44 00	
Wiley, James D.	40 00	
Young, R. T. Jr.	1,490 50	
		\$ 2,879 50
Material		
Bachelder's Truck Farm Equipment		
Company	\$ 220 00	
Doyle, John J. Co.	723 40	
Holden Trap Rock Co.	93 15	
Independent		
Coal Tar Co.	3,730 21	
Jamara Bros.	715 08	
New England Metal		
Culvert Co.	139 12	
Petrometal Industries	104 59	
Worcester, County of	48 00	
Zukus, William	105 00	
		\$ 5,878 55
Total		\$ 13,199 70
Balance		\$ 30

Chapter 90 Construction

Available		\$ 12,000 00
Wages	\$ 2,096 50	
Town Equipment	991 60	
Hired Equipment		
C. B. Cleaners	\$ 44 00	
DeMarco, Michael	777 75	
Hardwick, Town of	48 00	
Jamara Bros.	1,374 00	
Kazemekas, Benny	48 00	

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Sandman, Wm.	39 20		
Sykes, Edgar W.	72 00		
Walker, Norman	44 00		
Young, R. T. Jr.	2,405 00		
Material			
Blake, Geo. F., Inc.	\$ 1,246 43		
Doyle, John J. Co.	88 25		
Dwelly, Mrs. Robert C.	384 32		
Independ'nt Coal Tar Co.	1,370 79		
Jamara Bros.	61 36		
New England Metal Culvert Co.	180 81		
Norfolk Industries	660 00		
Shepardson, L. J. & Son	22 20		
Zukus, Wm.	45 75		
		\$ 4,059 91	
			\$ 11,999 96
Independent Coal Tar Co.	1,370 79		
Balance			\$ 04

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Available			\$ 4,800 00
Wages	\$ 646 00		
Town Equipment	238 60		
Hired Equipment			
DeMarco, Michael	\$ 149 50		
East Brookfield, Town of	16 00		
Hardwick, Town of	48 00		
Jamara Bros.	372 25		
Young, R. T. Jr.	334 00		
		\$ 919 75	
Material			
Doyle, John J. Co.	\$ 73 50		
Holden Trap Rock Co.	358 31		
Independent Coal Tar Company	2,108 77		
Jamara Bros.	454 30		
		\$ 2,994 88	
			\$ 4,799 23
Balance			\$ 77

Stone Hill Road

Available			\$ 651 60
Wages	\$ 36 00		
Town Equipment	28 80		
Hired Equipment			

DeMarco, Michael	\$	90 00	
Jamara Bros.		96 00	
Sykes, Edgar W.		52 00	
Young, R. T. Jr.		269 00	
			\$ 507 00
Material			
Jamara Bros.		79 80	
			\$ 79 80
			\$ 651 60

Chapter 718 - Barre Road

Available			\$ 7,864 77
Wages	\$	1,669 50	
Town Equipment		372 80	
Hired Equipment			
DeMarco, Michael	\$	453 00	
Jamara Bros.		696 00	
Kazemekas, Benny		120 00	
Sandman, Wm.		70 80	
Sykes, Edgar W.		256 00	
Walker, Norman		187 00	
Young, R. T. Jr.		2,405 00	
			\$ 4,187 80
Material			
Independent Coal Tar			
Company		698 65	
New England Metal			
Culvert Company		319 97	
Shepardson, L. J. & Son		23 75	
Spinney, Leroy C.		129 60	
Zukus, Wm.		280 00	
			\$ 1,451 97
			\$ 7,682 07

Snow and Sand

Available			\$ 4,600 00
Wages	\$	1,825 82	
Town Equipment		747 00	
Hired Equipment			
Blake, Levi, Jr.	\$	342 00	
DeMarco, Michael		630 00	
New Braintree, Town of		36 00	
Young R. T. Jr.		85 50	
			\$ 1,093 50
Material			
International Salt Co.		461 46	
Jamara Bros.		250 00	

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Young, R. T. Jr.	139 70		
		\$ 851 16	
			\$ 4,517 48

Machinery Fund

On hand, January 1, 1957			\$ 2,145 90
Machinery Rentals	\$ 3,324 80		5,470 70
Transferred to Machinery Account			
March Meeting	\$ 2,500 00		
November Meeting	1,500 00	4,000 00	1,470 70
Machinery Acct. Balance	\$ 545 24		\$ 2,016 24

WELFARE AND CHARITIES

Total Appropriation for Public Assistance and Administration		\$ 8,800 00
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Expenditures

Account	Federal Funds	Town Funds	Total
Old Age Assistance	\$ 5,295 19	\$ 6,046 45	\$ 11,341 64
Aid to Dependent Children	257 00	98 00	355 00
Disability Assistance		142 00	142 00
General Relief		320 77	320 77
Administration		300 00	300 00

Totals	\$ 5,552 19	\$ 6,907 22	\$ 12,459 41
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Unexpended

Balance of Town Funds	\$ 1,892 78
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Transferred to Miscellaneous Acct.	150 00
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Transferred to Police Account	75 00
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Transferred to Snow Removal

Transferred to Snow Removal

and Sanding	600 00
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Transferred to School Account	1,050 00
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Total transferred from

Public Assistance	\$ 1,875 00
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Balance Returned to Revenue	\$ 17 78
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Federal Account

Account	Balance 1-1-57	Fed. Grants	Fed. Funds Expended	Bal. 12-31-57
Old Age Assist.	\$ 1,654 94	\$ 5,258 93	\$ 5,295 19	\$ 1,618 28
Disability Assist.	647 13	96 20		743 33
Aid to Dep. Children	223 94	185 48	257 00	152 42
Totals	\$ 2,526 01	\$ 5,540 21	\$ 5,552 19	\$ 2,514 03

Old Age Assistance**Receipts**

Old Age Assistance Appropriation	\$	6,400	00
Federal Grants accrued and paid		5,258	53
Balance in Fed. Acct. on 1-1-57		1,654	94
State reimbursements on Advice of Audit		4,348	45
State O.A.A. Meal Tax		237	38
Other Cities & Town Reimbursements		891	92
Total			\$ 18,791 22

Expenditures and Estimates

Paid on Selectmen's Warrants (Recipients)	\$	11,320	48
Balance in Fed. Acct. on 12-31-57		1,618	28
State Reimbursements to Estimated Receipts		4,348	45
State O.A.A. Meal Tax to Estimated Receipts		237	38
Payments from Other Cities and Towns to Estimated Receipts		891	92
Payments to Other Cities and Town: North Brookfield		21	16
Returned to Revenue		353	55
Total			\$ 18,791 22
Year	Gross Expense	Reimbursements	Net Expense
1957	\$ 11,341 64	\$ 10,736 28	\$ 605 36

Aid to Dependent Children**Receipts**

Aid to Dependent Children Appropriation	\$	550	00
Federal Grants accrued and paid		185	48
Balance in Fed. Acct. on 1-1-57		223	94
State Reimbursement on Advice of Audit		164	29
Total			\$ 1,123 71

Expenditures and Estimates

Paid on Selectmen's Warrants (Recipients)	\$	355	00
Balance in Fed. Acct. on 12-31-57		152	42
State Reimbursements to Estimated Receipts		164	29

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Returned to Revenue	452 00
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Total			\$ 1,123 71
Year	Gross Expense	Reimbursements	Net Expense
1957	\$ 355 00	\$ 349 77	\$ 5 23

Disability Assistance**Receipts**

Disability Assistance Appropriation	\$ 900 00
Federal Grants accrued and paid	96 20
Balance in Fed. Acct. on 1-1-57	647 13
State Reimbursements on Advice of Audit	61 15

Total	\$ 1,704 48
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Expenditures and Estimates

Paid on Selectmen's Warrants (Recipients)	\$ 142 00
Balance in Fed. Acct. on 12-31-57	743 33
State Reimbursements to Estimated Receipts	61 15
Returned to Revenue	758 00

Total			\$ 1,704 48
Year	Gross Expense	Reimbursements	Net Expense
1957	\$ 142 00	\$ 96 20	\$ 45 80

General Assistance**Receipts**

General Assistance Appropriation	\$ 650 00
State Reimbursement for Unsettled Cases	66 00

Total	\$ 716 00
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Expenditures and Estimates

Paid on Selectmen's Warrants (Direct Aid)	\$ 10 00
Payments to Other Cities and Towns	260 77
Legal Fees	50 00
State Funds to Estimated Receipts	66 00
Returned to Revenue	329 23

Total			\$ 716 00
Year	Gross Expense	Reimbursements	Net Expense
1957	\$ 320 77	\$ 66 00	\$ 254 77

WELFARE DISTRICT**Administrative Federal Account**

1957 Federal reimbursements for four quarters:

Old Age Assistance	\$ 5,116 31
Aid to Dependent Children	766 63
Disability Assistance	697 86
Balance in Fed. Acct. 1-1-57	175 37

Total Receipts		\$ 6,756 17
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Expended

Salaries	\$ 4,177 50
Travel	115 90
Rental	600 00
Postage	56 97
Supplies	53 76
Telephone	26 50
Purchase of Equipment	13 20
Repair of Equipment	18 37

Total Expenses		\$ 5,062 20
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Balance on December 31st, 1957		\$ 1,693 97
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Administrative State Account

1957 State reimbursements for four quarters:

Old Age Assistance	\$ 3,582 50
Aid to Dependent Children	527 43
General Assistance	338 26
Disability Assistance	472 15
Balance in Fed. Acct. 1-1-57	1,252 59

Total Receipts		\$ 6,172 93
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Expended

Salaries	\$ 4,742 50
Travel	184 86
Postage	95 73
Supplies	33 70
Telephone	175 85
Repair of Equipment	18 75
Purchase of Equipment	325 00

Total Expenses		\$ 5,576 39
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Balance on December 31st, 1957		\$ 596 54
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Administrative Town Account

Receipts

Advanced by Towns :

North Brookfield	\$ 3,300 00
Hardwick	1,445 10
East Brookfield	867 70
Oakham	300 00
Balance in Acct. on 1-1-57	318 09

Total Receipts	\$ 6,432 89
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Expended

Salaries	\$ 4,460 00
Travel	245 47
Postage	109 25
Supplies	50 83
Telephone	88 20
Compensation	111 94
Assessment	610 94
Other	5 00

Total Expenses	\$ 5,681 63
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Balance on December 31st, 1957	\$ 751 26
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SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

School

Year Ending December 31, 1957

Appropriated at annual town meeting	\$ 38,979 16
Trans. from Public Assist. December 31	1,050 00

Total Appropriation	40,029 16
Expenditures	40,028 83

Balance	\$ 33
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Receipts

Chapter 70	\$ 5,484 73
Transportation	13,471 20
Superintendent	117 08
Vocational Aid	373 45

\$ 19,446 46

Expenditures

GENERAL CONTROL

Superintendent's Salary & Travel	\$ 326 26
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Office Salaries	252 55	
Office Expense	115 45	
		\$ 694 26

EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION

Teachers' Salaries	\$ 9,731 67	
Supervisor's Salaries	731 64	
Substitute's Salaries	312 00	
Textbooks	314 75	
Supplies	401 31	
		\$ 11,491 37

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

Custodian's Salaries	\$ 890 88	
Custodian's Supplies	264 50	
Fuel	937 79	
		\$ 2,093 17

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL

Repairs and Replacements		
Ralph Downer	\$ 12 42	
Holden Hardware	40 17	
Leroy Spinney	54 13	
Garfield Wright	232 28	
Robert T. Quigley	3 50	
W. F. Fullam	6 16	
Holden Heating	246 00	
Minneapolis Honeywell	120 22	
		\$ 714 88

AUXILIARY AGENCIES

Health		
Mrs. Olmstead	\$ -186 19	
Mrs. Sullivan	141 92	
Dr. Washburn	100 00	
Supplies		
Chair	10 97	
Clothes Rack	4 00	
Misc. Supplies	20 58	
		\$ 463 66
Tuition		
Wachusett Reg. High School	\$ 8,500 18	
No. Brookfield High School	1,508 56	
Worcester	415 44	
		\$ 10,424 18
Transportation		
Leonard Hardly	\$ 6,840 00	

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John O'Donnell	1,710 00	
High School	5,581 60	
		\$ 14,131 60
Miscellaneous	\$ 15 71	\$ 15 71
Total		\$ 40,028 83

School Lunch

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1957	\$ 1,524 88
Received in Federal Grants	654 69
Received from pupils for meals	2,095 98
Total Available	4,275 55

Expended for:

Wages and Salaries

Shirley Wareing	\$ 1,150 00
Dorothy Lupa	9 50

Supplies, etc.

Butler's Store	\$ 272 15
Lehigh B. G.	19 50
John Sexton Co.	724 41
Finan's Express	33 98
Comm. of Mass.	25 20
Worcester Baking Co.	161 66
Chaffins School Lunch	87 00
Pinecroft Dairy	569 06
Megowan-Educator	27 49
Helen Nahkala	32 00
Salmon, Inc.	46 12
Holden Hardware	2 29
Mary Parsons	3 98
Hobart	195 00
Mrs. Smith	18 00

Total Expended		\$ 3,377 34
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Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1958	\$ 898 21
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Library

Appropriation	\$ 800 00
Refunds from Dog Taxes	229 68
Transferred from Income of Trust Funds	548 81

Total Available		\$ 1,578 49
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Expended for:

Wages and Salaries

Eleanor, Mayo, Librarian	\$ 300 00
Winthrop Boyd	100 00

Heat, lights, etc.		
E. P. Wine Co.	157	02
Frederick Stone	163	08
Worcester County Electric	30	10
Building and Equipment Maintenance		
George A. Barnard Co.	79	17
Chester M. Rood	176	84
Raymond Field	3	00
Waite's	2	76
Books and Magazines		
Doubleday & Co., Inc.	81	70
Book of the Months Club, Inc.	54	14
Ephraim's	72	71
Encyclopedia Britannica	93	90
Herman Goldberger Agency, Inc.	79	45
Follett Publishing Co.	15	47
National Geographic	7	00
Penguin Book Co.	4	64
Simon & Schuster	10	30
Gaylord Bros.	9	80
Longmans, Green & Co.	3	87
Life	9	95
Don R. Phillips, Inc.	11	22
Others	21	13
Supplies, etc.		
Demco Library Supplies	22	56
Narcus Bros.	3	36
Barnard's	6	90
Others	58	30
Total Expended		\$ 1,578 49
Unexpended Balance		\$ 0 00

4-H Clubs

Appropriation		\$ 100 00
Expended for:		
Miscellaneous supplies and equipment		
Robert T. Quigley	\$ 14	49
Elwood Adams	4	05
Wm. Fullam	13	33
Singer Sewing Machine Co.	30	00
Bernadette Dermody		99
Ruth LaCount	4	75
Butler's Store	12	81

Services		
Elwin A. Ploof	15 00	
Total Expended	\$	95 42
Unexpended balance	\$	4 58

CEMETERIES

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Appropriation	\$	500 00	
Transfer from Sale of Lots Account		50 00	
From Interest of Trust Funds		967 35	
Labor			
Leonard A. Hardy	\$	950 47	
Leonard W. Hardy, Sr.		34 80	
Ralph Downer		20 30	
Paul Downer		24 05	
William Wareing		102 23	
David Kessler		11 60	
Materials and Supplies			
R. T. Quigley		28 45	
David Labonte		5 79	
Furnace Grain Co.		28 40	
Jamara Bros., Inc.		75 50	
Wirthmore Stores		102 82	
A. Girard & Sons		42 90	
St. Pierre Chain Co.		34 01	
Office Expenses and Supplies			
A. Webb		16 03	
Outside Equipment Hire			
J. Narrow		1 00	
William Wareing		39 00	
	\$	1,517 35	\$ 1,517 35

Annual and Perpetual Care

Balance Sale of Lots, Accts. 1-1-57	\$	57 50	
Sale of Lots for 1957		30 00	
Annual Care of Lots for 1957		79 05	
Perpetual Care Fund Established		200 00	
Transfer to Approp. Acct.		50 00	
Paid Town Treas. Esti.-Rec. Acct.		79 05	
Barre Sav. Bank No. 17992		200 00	
Balance Sale of Lots Acct. 12-31-57		37 50	
	\$	366 55	\$ 366 55

RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY**Employees Compensation Insurance**

Appropriation	\$	679 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		32 06
Total Available	\$	711 06
Expended for insurance:		
Frank A. Smith & Son	\$	711 06
Total Expended	\$	711 06
Unexpended Balance	\$	0 00

Worcester County Retirement Assessment

Appropriation	\$	526 99
Amount assessed the Town of Oakham by the Worcester County Commissioners and paid to the Worcester County Treasurer from tax revenue	\$	526 99
Total Expended	\$	526 99
Unexpended Balance	\$	0 00

Worcester County Retirement Payments

Amount withheld from wages of town em- ployees and turned over to the Worcester County Treas. from tax revenue	\$	576 41
Total		576 41

Federal Withholding Tax

Amount withheld from wages of town em- ployees and turned over to the Federal Re- serve Bank	\$	2,995 01
Total	\$	2,995 01

UNCLASSIFIED**Memorial Day Observances**

Appropriation	\$	100 00
Expended for:		
Supplies		
Stayman's	\$	27 70
Refreshments		
Orton O. Butler		36 98
Shirley Wareing		4 00
Doris Erickson		4 00
Channing Billings		4 00

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Ethel Morse	4 00
Worcester Baking Co.	5 40

Total Expended	\$	86 08
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Unexpended Balance	\$	13 92
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Miscellaneous

Appropriation	\$	275 00
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Transferred from Public Assistance and Administration		150 00
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Total Available	\$	425 00
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Expended for:

Dues

Mass. Selectmen's Ass'n	\$	10 00
Worc. County Selectmen's Ass'n		6 00
Worc. County Col. & Treas. Ass'n		4 00
Mass. Town Clerk's Ass'n		7 50
Mass. Assessors' Ass'n		9 00
City and Town Clerk's Ass'n		4 00
N.E.S. Finance Ass'n		2 00

\$	42 50
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Telephone, etc.

N. E. T. & T. Co.	\$	141 70
Worc. County Electric		2 00

Town Counsel

Igoe & Beaudette	\$	75 00
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Miscellaneous

E. W. Sykes	\$	34 00
Mass. Corr. Inst.		12 39
Dept. of Corp. & Taxation		16 00
Worcester Blueprint Co.		7 70
Worcester County Trust Co.		5 50
Chester Rood		3 62

\$	79 21
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Total Expended	\$	340 41
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Unexpended Balance	\$	84 59
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Fire Insurance

Appropriation	\$	300 00
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Transferred from Reserve Fund		49 63
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Total Available	\$	349 63
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Expended for Insurance on Town Buildings

I. E. Irish Inc.	\$	142	11
Frank A. Smith & Son		207	52

Total Expended	\$	349	63
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Unexpended Balance	\$	0	00
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Care of Town Common

Appropriation	\$	60	00
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Expended for mowing lawn, etc.

Troop 144 Boy Scouts	\$	60	00
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Total Expended	\$	60	00
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Unexpended Balance	\$	0	00
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Veterans' Benefits

Appropriation	\$	200	00
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Expended for: :

Expenses

Anthony A. Lupa	\$	8	55
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Dues

Mass. Veteran's Service		10	00
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	\$	18	55
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Unexpended Balance	\$	181	45
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Fire Siren

Appropriated	\$	600	00
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Expended for purchase and installation
of siren

David Deane	\$	600	00
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Total Expended	\$	600	00
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Unexpended Balance	\$	0	00
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Fire StationAppropriated from Post War Rehabilitation
Fund

	\$	1,000	00
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Borrowed from Worc. County Trust Co.		14,000	00
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Total Available	\$	15,000	00
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Expended for:

Plans, specifications, lines, grades, etc.

R. H. Lonergan, C. E.	\$	175	00
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Printing and advertising

Gem Mailing Service, printing		70	02
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Worc. Blue Print Co., printing		25	60
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Oakham Star, printing	5 00
Ethel Morse, Adv. Worc. Tel.	115 03
Barre Publishing Co., Adv.	3 00
	\$ 218 65
Excavating and Grading	
E. W. Sykes, bulldozer	\$ 204 00
Jamara Bros., truck and loader	172 00
R. T. Young, Jr., truck & shovel	188 00
Michael DeMarco, trucks	90 00
	\$ 654 00
Foundations	
Wilbur Sirois, forms	\$ 713 40
R. T. Curtis, concrete	532 00
Central Supply, fittings	16 98
	\$ 1,262 38
Concrete floor	
Prunier & Faucher, labor	\$ 492 13
R. T. Curtis, concrete	410 75
Labor payroll	198 00
	\$ 1,100 88
Building	
New England Erecting Co.	\$ 6,100 00
Labor Erecting building	1,000 50
A. J. Regienus, doors	388 87
Chester Spinney, install doors	135 00
N. E. Glass Co.	26 38
Kesseli & Morse, blocks and bricks	96 38
R. T. Curtis	5 00
Prunier & Faucher, masonry wall	140 00
Miscellaneous Labor	130 50
	\$ 8,022 63
Drilling well	
Scales Bros.	\$ 797 50
Water supply system	
Frank Comfort	441 75
Heating System	
Robert Duval	1,525 00
Partition walls	
Howard McGuiness, labor and materials	146 78
Kesseli & Morse	11 50
Camosse Supply Co., blocks	65 46

Holden Hardware		60	
	\$	224 34	
Miscellaneous			
Goldstein & Gurwitz, hardware	\$	11 86	
Wirthmore Feeds, cement		13 60	
Central Supply Co., Fittings		72 32	
Ralph Downer, Elec. supplies		62 58	
Robert Duval, plumbing		128 58	
Frank Mucha, steel		20 00	
	\$	309 94	
Total Expended			\$ 14,732 07
Unexpended Balance, carried over to 1958			\$ 267 93
Wright Ball Field			
Appropriated	1956	\$	500 00
	1957		500 00
Received from Village Improvement Society			80 43
Total Available			\$ 1,080 43
Expended for:			
Equipment hire			
E. W. Sykes, Bulldozer	\$	453 50	
Jamara Bros., trucks & backhoe		279 00	
Michael DeMarco, truck		140 12	
R. T. Young Jr., shovel		48 00	
Olympic Sports Co.		20 90	
	\$	941 52	
Labor			
Ralph T. Young, Jr.	\$	16 00	
Percy Wilbur		60 00	
Sumner Crawford		60 00	
	\$	136 00	
Total Expended			\$ 1,077 52
Unexpended Balance			2 91
Painting Town Clock			
Appropriation			\$ 600 00
Expended for			
Labor - 190 hrs. @ \$2.50 hr.	\$	475 00	
Materials			
175 lbs. white lead at \$29.15		51 01	
7½ gals. oil @ \$2.00		15 00	

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3 qts, turpentine	96
1 pint dryer	41
10 lbs. whiting	60
2 gross wood screws	6 38
1 pt. Hastings gold size	1 71
½ pt. lamp black	35
5 qts. T. & T. black	10 31
17 lbs. gold leaf	33 15
15 lbs. smalt	3 45

\$ 123 33

Total Expended \$ 598 33

Unexpended Balance \$ 1 67

Maturing Debts and Interest

Appropriation \$ 2,000 00

Expended for:

Payments to Worcester County

Trust Company \$ 2,000 00

Total Expended \$ 2,000 00

Unexpended Balance \$ 0 00

Interest on Maturing Debt

Appropriation \$ 500 00

Transferred from Reserve Fund 37 50

Total Available \$ 537 50

Expended for:

Interest on Municipal building loan

Worcester County Trust Co. \$ 310 00

Interest of Fire Station Loan

Worcester County Trust Co. 277 50

Total Expended \$ 537 50

Unexpended Balance \$ 0 00

STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS**Worcester County Tax**

Amount assesed the Town of Oakham by the

Worcester County Commissioners \$ 2,303 05

Paid to the Worc. County Treas. \$ 2,303 05

Total Expended \$ 2,303 05

Worcester County Tubercular Hospital

Amount assessed the Town of Oakham for care and Maintenance of patients at the Worcester County Sanatorium	\$	2,175 60
Paid to Worcester County Treas.	\$	2,175 60
Total Expended	\$	2,175 60

State Parks and Reservations

Amount assessed the Town of Oakham for the maintenance of State Parks & Reservations	\$	162 22
Paid to Treas. of Commonwealth	\$	162 22
Total Expended	\$	162 22

State Audit

Amount assessed the Town of Oakham for auditing town records	\$	592 54
Paid to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth	\$	592 54
Total Expended	\$	592 54

TAX REFUNDS AND PAYMENTS**Excise Taxes**

Total amount of abatements paid to motor vehicle owners from excise tax receipts	\$	241 65
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Personal Property Tax Refunds

Total personal property abatements	\$	7 80
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Real Estate Tax Refunds

Total Real Estate Tax refunds	\$	68 90
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Dog Tax

Total amount of dog taxes collected less fees retained by Town Clerk	\$	293 50
Total amount turned over to Worcester County Treasurer	\$	293 50

TRUST FUNDS**Alden Fund**

Total amount withdrawn from income of Alden Fund paid for baskets, flowers, medical aid, etc.	\$	1,003 10
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Cemeteries

Perpetual Care Bequests deposited in North Brookfield Savings Bank	\$	200 00
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TEMPORARY LOANS**Highway Maintenance and Construction Loan**

Total amount repaid to North Brookfield Branch
of Worcester County Trust Co. \$ 12,000 00

Reserve Fund

Appropriated from Overlay Surplus \$ 1,000 00

Transferred to:

Town Officers' Supplies	\$	81	05
Stone Road Account		51	60
Snow Removal and Sanding		61	28
Police Department		20	
Compensation Insurance		32	06
Fire Insurance		49	63
Printing		66	71
Interest on Maturing Dept		37	50
Memorial Hall Maintenance		69	58
Fire Department		96	47
Dutch Elm Disease		15	25

Total transferred \$ 561 33

Balance returned to Overlay Surplus \$ 438 67

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

To either of the constables of the Town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs to meet in the town hall, known as Memorial Hall, on Monday, the third day of March next at 12M at which time the polls will be opened and will be closed at 8 P.M.

Business meeting will open at 8 P.M., then and there to act on the following articles.

Article 1. To hear the annual reports of the several town officers and to act thereon.

Article 2. To choose one Selectman, one Assessor, one member of the School Committee, one Library Trustee and one member of the Cemetery Committee, all for three year terms; a Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, six Constables, three Fence Viewers and a Moderator, for one year terms; and five Planning Board Members, one for a term of five years, one for a term of four years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of two years and one for a term of one year, all on one ballot.

Article 3. To choose all the necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elective officers of the town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws as amended; 1 Town Clerk, 3 Selectmen, 3 Assessors, 3 School Committee members, 3 Library Trustees, 3 Cemetery Committee members, 1 Moderator, 1 Tax Collector, 1 Treasurer and 1 Auditor, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

Article 5. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and equipment used in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Article 6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to bond its Treasurer, Collector, Town Clerk and their assistants.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury such sums of money as are necessary to pay charges, expenses and outlays of the several town departments for the ensuing year.

Article 8. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow during the current fiscal year, in anticipation of the revenue of said year such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town therefor, these notes to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the improvement of South and Spencer Roads, under Chapter 90 Highway Construction or take any action relative thereto.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 or any other amount for the Oakham Civilian Defense Organization or take any action relative thereto.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550 or any other amount to be used to pay the accrued interest due during the fiscal year on its Outstanding Funded and Fixed debts and on any temporary debts which may be necessary during the year, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used to pay the notes of the town coming due during the fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 or any other amount for use to make repairs and improvements to Henry Wright Ball Park, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000 or any other amount from the Overlay Surplus for the purposes of a Reserve Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,000 or any other amount from the Highway Machinery Fund to the Highway Machinery Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to authorize and direct the Assessors to take the sum of \$8,000 or any other amount from available funds in the treasury for the purpose of reducing the tax levy for the current year, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to accept any trust funds which may be left for the care of the cemeteries or any other purposes.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to establish a police department under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 97 of the General Laws as amended, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to give the Board of Selectmen authority to appoint one of its members Chief of Police, and to set the rate of pay for said work, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to accept as a Town way in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 82, Section 22 of the General Laws, that certain alteration or relocation of Robinson road as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and recorded with the Town Clerk and authorize the Selectmen to take any land within said way by eminent domain and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for land damages or take any action relative thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to be used to make improvements to Lupa Road or take any action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies in at least three public places in said town, seven days at least before time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding meeting as aforesaid.

Given unto our hand this first day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight.

JOHN P. O'DONNELL

ROGER H. LONERGAN

WALTER W. NELSON

Board of Selectmen

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Important Telephone Numbers

Exchange — Browning

FIRE DEPARTMENT

To Report a Fire	BR 3-4362
Fire Station	BR 3-4356

POLICE

Walter W. Nelson, Chief	BR 3-4422
State Police, Holden	VA 9-4431

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Director W. Francis Brennan — No. Brookfield Vol. 7-2318

TOWN CLERK

Dorothy P. Day	BR 3-4452
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TAX COLLECTOR

Walter G. Chapman	BR 3-4381
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PUBLIC WELFARE

Quaboag Welfare District — No. Brookfield	VOL 7-6727
Board of Selectmen	BR 3-4349
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Board of Selectmen meet in the Selectmen's Room at the Town Hall on the Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month.

